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No Censure Of Buller.

Parliamentary Secretary for War Denies That Despatches Reflect on General.

Eulogized as a Great Man Who Has Deserved Well of His Country.

Government's Course Endorsed by Decisive Vote in the Commons.

By Associated Press.

London, May 4.—In the House of Commons today a variety of war questions were asked.

The parliamentary secretary of the war office, Mr. Geo. Wyndham, said no further report had been received from Lord Roberts with reference to the Koornspruit disaster.

The government leader in the House of Commons, Mr. J. A. Balfour, replying to questions on the reports of the ill-treatment of British prisoners at Pretoria, said Her Majesty's government was considering the advisability of further representations on the subject through Washington and through the United States consul at Pretoria, Mr. Hay, who has charge of British interests in Transvaal.

Continuing, Mr. Wyndham said he was prepared to discuss the question of the judgment and the discretion, but not of the honor or rectitude of the Marquis of Lansdowne. Many misconceptions in regard to the despatches had already evaporated, including the belief that Lord Roberts and Gen. Buller had criticised Gen. Methuen's operations and that their criticisms had been suppressed, as supposed, by favoritism. The only point at issue was why the criticism of Gen. Buller had been published, if the government intended to leave him in command. Mr. Wyndham contended it was impossible to isolate the Spion Kop disclosures and treat them as no other despatches had been treated in the history of the last hundred years. The war office, he asserted, had acted entirely in accordance with the Queen's Regulations. It was said the publication would shake the confidence of the troops in Natal in their commander, but Mr. Wyndham said that was not the view of the government nor the view of Gen. Buller, who was in the best position to decide.

At this point, Mr. John Dillon, Irish Nationalist member for East Mayo, interrupted, saying he had never asserted that he wanted the despatches published. Mr. Wyndham continued:

"But the gallant General has been applauded for saying he would stick to what he had written, and would have made a great show of candor if he thought no one would know what he had written." This remark was greeted with cries of "Oh! Oh!" Mr. Wyndham then said he thought Gen. Buller had merely been unlucky and that Gen. Warren's services should not be overlooked, adding that while in publishing the despatches the government had acted on its own responsibility, it had been confirmed in so doing by the opinion of Lord Roberts. The case for the government was that the right course was to publish what it had published and no more. He was persuaded that both Gen. Buller and Lord Roberts had sent the despatches home for publication. Did the house suppose harm was done to a commander by a despatch showing his scheme was a good one and ought to have succeeded, or by deciding five points in his favor while one point was criticized? Was it fair to leave 40,000 or 50,000 men in doubt regarding what causes had made their heroism unavailing? Because Gen. Warren failed in a large independent command did not prove that he was unfitted for other work. With regard to Gen. Buller, "to attempt to apologize for him would be a great insult to so great a man, who had deserved well of his country and his troops would be glad to know his strategy was praised by Lord Roberts."

Mr. H. Asquith, Liberal, and others trenchantly averted to the alleged untenable position of the government, confidence in which they asserted had been so grievously shaken.

Mr. John MacNeill, Irish Nationalist, declared the only reason for withholding criticism of Lord Methuen was because he had been ordered to save Mr. Cecil Rhodes at all costs.

Mr. Labouchere, Advanced Liberal, declared the government was charged with deliberately undertaking to "cook despatches for presentation to the Britisht public," adding: "All honor to Buller, who refused to be a party to deceiving the public."

Mr. Balfour said Mr. Labouchere had made it a question of the honor or dishonor of a great public servant. He added that his speech was the culmination of a series of attacks of persons who had discovered the meanest and basest motives in the government's action. The government, he continued, was accused of favoring one General at the expense of another. It was said they meant to prepare the public for the dismissal of Gen. Buller. Such attacks were not worthy of the opponents of the government, which by publishing the despatches simply followed precedent. Was the government to understand as a result of today's criticisms that no further despatches were to be published? He repudiated most earnestly the accusations hurled at the secretary of state for war and said he thought it shocking that such accusations should be made in the House of Commons, claiming that no worse or more scandalously unjust accusations could be made in any assembly of gentlemen.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, said all Mr. Balfour could do was to appeal to mere party fidelity. The government, he asserted, had no precedent for its action and had departed from the immemorable practice of the army. He also claimed that its defence was utterly insufficient and that the opposition would now record its vote in condemnation of the conduct of the government. A vote on Mr. Runciman's motion to reduce the war office vote, in censure on the government, was then taken, the motion being lost on division of 116 to 215.

EXPRESS TRAIN DERAILED.

Switch Believed to Have Been Maliciously Opened—Passengers All Escape Injury.

Winnipeg, May 4.—As last night's C. P. R. west-bound express was running into Upsata station, on the Thunder Bay section, a point about 342 miles east of Winnipeg, the engine ran into an open switch and was derailed, taking the baggage car, express car and one colonist car with it. Reports state that no injury resulted to any of the passengers or trainmen. A wrecking gang was despatched at once from Fort William and worked all night in clearing the track. The C. P. R. officials have failed to trace who is responsible for the accident, and the switch is believed to have been opened by some malicious person. Rev. Dr. Sutherland, of Toronto, was among the passengers on board. He is en route to attend the British Columbia Methodist conference. The train reached here late to-night.

Invalided And Missing

Three Canadians Not Accounted For and Eighteen Get Sick Leave.

Major Drummond Is Severely Ill ---Deaths from Wounds and Fever.

Ottawa, May 4.—Eighteen men of the first contingent are reported as invalided to England. Three men of the First Battalion Mounted Rifles are reported missing.

Major Drummond has arrived in England seriously ill, and is not likely to return to Canada for some time.

Ottawa, May 4.—The militia department to-day received a cablegram from Sir Alfred Milner, dated Capetown, May 2, as follows:

"7165, Pte. H. Barr, Royal Canadian Regiment, died of enteric fever on April 30 at Bloemfontein; and 2551, Gunner E. Picot, 'D' Battery, Canadian Artillery, died of enteric fever at De Aar today."

The officer commanding the first Canadian contingent reports from Bloemfontein the death on the 2nd instant of No. 7063, Pte. B. Liston, 90th Winnipeg Rifles. The cause of death is not given.

A militia order issued to-day has the following: "7833, Pte. J. W. Gulver (or Raymond), 62nd St. John Fusiliers, Canadian Mounted Rifles, 1st Battalion, slightly wounded in action.

"The following have been reported missing since April 23: 410, Sergt. R. H. Ryan; 263, Corp. T. E. Linden, Royal Canadian Dragoons; 276, Pte. P. Hyry, Royal Canadian Dragoons."

Toronto, May 4.—An Evening Telegram cable says Driver Knight, of the Mounted Police, was slightly wounded in the battle at Jacobsrust, in which Cotton, of Ottawa, was reported killed in yesterday's despatches.

VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Small Fire at the Mills—Loggers Needed—Britannia Mines— Passengers From North.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 4.—The kiln of the Royal City mills took fire this morning. The smoke was very heavy and was plainly seen all over the city. Citizens became alarmed and the entire fire brigade turned out. The flames were soon under control, however, and comparatively little damage was done.

Vancouver's fire relief fund was closed this morning and the amount $2,019.25, remitted to Ottawa. A good sum was realized by the junior lacrosse boys at a concert given in their benefit last night.

The steamer Comox arrived from Northern British Columbia last night, and brought word that loggers were still badly needed in the logging camps.

The steamer City of Seattle touched here this morning on her way to Skagway. She had a good cargo and 250 passengers. Only eight passengers were taken on here.

A report appeared in a local paper yesterday to the effect that the Britannia mines had been sold for $1,500,000. Mr. Walters told a Colonist correspondent this morning that the report was premature; that it was quite likely that the mines would be sold for the figure mentioned, but the deal was not actually closed.

The funeral of the late Thomas Wilson, who died suddenly at Steveston, took place yesterday at New Westminster. A large number followed the remains to the Church of England burying ground at Sapperton.

The customs returns for the port of New Westminster for April are as follows: Total duty collected, $10,078.59; exports, $16,457; imports, $85,188.

BOER LAAGER SHELLED.

British Big Gun Makes Good Practice Though at Very Great Range.

Warrenton, Cape Colony, May 4.—A British six-inch gun opened unexpectedly on the Boer laager yesterday at a distance of 7½ miles, throwing 100-pound shells with wonderful accuracy and causing a hasty retreat of the burghers.

The bombardment continued to-day at all points by howitzers and field guns, supported by two companies of the Munster Regiment, the Boers being driven from shelter and their guns being put out of action.

Roberts at Brandfort.

British Take Important Step Forward with but Few Casualties.

The Boer Army Again Escape---Large Body Confronting Brabant.

French and Rundle Hovering Near and Enemy's Position Precarious.

London, May 4.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office as follows, under the date of Brandfort, May 3:

"We occupied Brandfort to-day without much opposition, and without, I hope, many casualties.

"The First Brigade and mounted infantry covered the left flank of the Fourteenth Brigade of the Seventh Division, and the right flank was supported by the 15th Brigade.

"Pole-Carew's division advanced directly on Brandfort.

"The Boer army, which was under command of Delarey, retired in a northeasterly direction."

Brabant's Camp, May 1 (by runner to Mafeteng).—Brabant's division now occupies a streng position on a range of hills on the Ladybrand road, about 20 miles from Wepener.

The troops are confronted by a large force of Boers, who recently occupied Wepener, and who have now been located in the mountains known in the Free State as Zwartlapberg.

This morning the Borderers' Horse, under Col. Maxwell, came in contact with the Boer outposts, but returned to camp after locating the enemy.

Later a group of 500 Boers was discovered marching past the Boer position, but the British were unable to tell whether they were friend or enemy until they had disappeared in a hollow a few miles away, when they proved to be a Boer cammand.

Thaba N'chu, May 3.—The Boers have evacuated Thaba N'chu hill and are believed to be still trekking, though one gun has shelled the camp indiscriminately.

Scouts report that some of the Boers retired towards Wepener.

They believe the Boers evacuated the position during the night, trekking to the northward in three directions.

Gen. French left to-day. Gen. Rundle is in command here.

It is expected that Gen. Brabant will effect a junction at any moment.

BERLIN TO INDIA'S RELIEF.

Handsome Contribution to Famine Fund With Sympathetic Message From the Kaiser.

Simla, May 4.—Emperor William has telegraphed to Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, as follows:

"Full of the deepest sympathy for the terrible distress in India. Berlin has, with my approval, realized the sum of over half a million marks, and I have ordered it forwarded for your disposal. May India feel that this action on the part of the capital of the German empire is from a deep sense of the sympathetic love for India which has prompted my people, and which emanates from the fact that blood is richer than water."

To this message the viceroy to-day replied as follows:

"I have the honor to receive your imperial Majesty's most gracious telegram, the terms of which will create a thrill of gratitude throughout India for the warm-hearted, sympathetic attitude of your capital, Berlin, acting upon the opportune and noble initiative of your imperial Majesty. It is indeed an illustration of the binding force of kinship by your Majesty that the German people should turn with kindly thought to the work being done by the British government in this country for the relief of the terrible suffering by which the poor Indian people are afflicted. On their behalf I venture to acknowledge the generous action of your Majesty and the munificent contribution of your people."

ACROSS THE VAAL RIVER.

General Hunter Reports Passage Without Opposition—Advance of Roberts' Troops.

London, May 4.—(11:30 p. m.)—The war office this evening posted the following bulletin from Lord Roberts, dated Brandfort, Friday, May 4:

"The mounted infantry have gone on to the Vet river; the rest of the force will reach there to-morrow. The railway has been repaired to Brandfort. Hunter reports very satisfactory news, that the passage of the Vaal has been carried at Windsorton without opposition."

LIBERALS' PRETTY QUARREL.

Mr. Greenway Procures Vote of Censure on Dominion Member for Lisgar.

Winnipeg, May 4.—(Special)—At a convention of Liberals of Lisgar held at Morden yesterday, ex-Premier Greenway made a strong speech condemning R. L. Richardson, M. P., of the Winnipeg Tribune. Mr. Frank Williamson, who nominated Mr. Richardson in 1896, moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. James McNaughton, who was seconder of Mr. Richardson's nomination in 1896:

"We, the Liberals of Lisgar, hereby repudiate the articles and sentiments lately expressed in the Winnipeg Tribune, believing them to be opposed to the best interests of the Dominion and not in accord with Liberal principles."

The resolution was carried with only two dissenting voices. Nearly 200 delegates were present at the meeting.

SUFFOLKS TOOK PANIC.

Cause Assigned by General French for Disaster in Colesberg District.

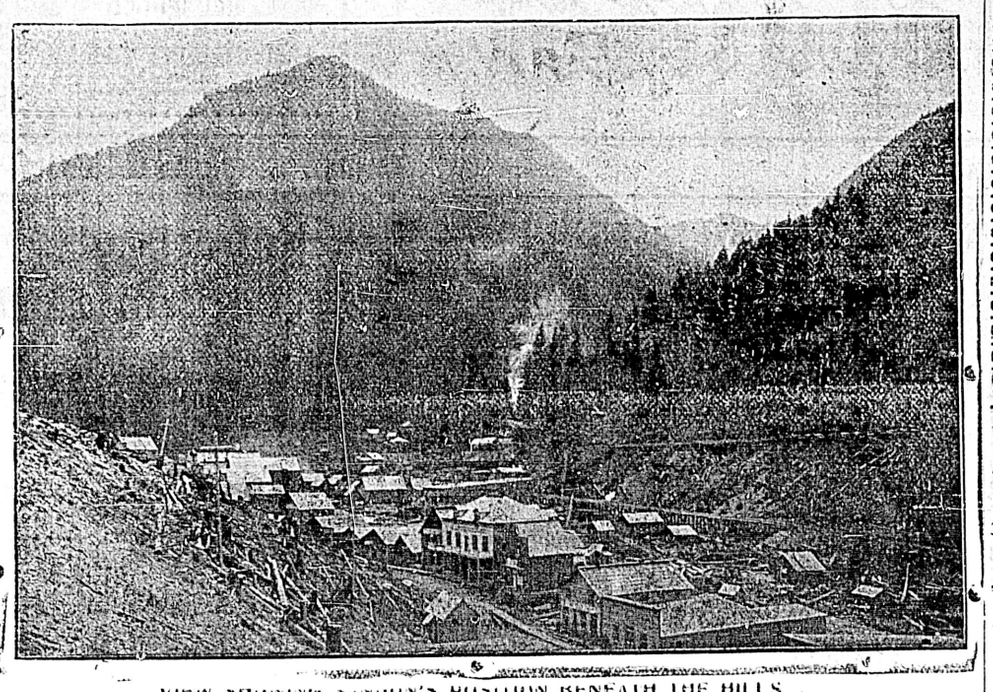
London, May 4.—The Gazette this evening contains French's report of the disaster to the Suffolk Regiment in the Colesberg district January 5, which he attributes entirely to the fact that a majority of the four companies of the regiment engaged were seized with panic and retired. He pays a high tribute to the officers of the regiment and the men who remained with them.

VICTIMS OF SMALLPOX.

Two Other Deaths Recorded from the Mysterious Outbreak in the West.

Winnipeg, May 4.—M. Deering, a young man confined in the smallpox hospital, died to-night at 1 0o'clock. Deceased is supposed to have contracted the disease at the Winnipeg general hospital, where he had gone for treatment. All the other patients at quarantine are reported to be improving.

Arnprior, Ont., May 4.—James W. Tierney, a smallpox victim, died this morning. There are no other cases in town, owing to precautions taken by the board of health. Tierney was C. P. R. agent here and also filled many other positions. He contracted the disease on a recent visit to the Coast.



VIEW SHOWING SANDON'S POSITION BENEATH THE HILLS.

Sandon a Prey To Flames.

Little Mining Town in Slocan Disappears in Few Hours.

No Hope for the Place Once Fire Started and the Insurance Small.

Special to the Colonist.

Kaslo, May 4.—The mining town of Sandon, which after Kaslo is the second in the Slocan, has been completely destroyed by fire. Nearly all its 1,200 people are homeless and many are ruined.

Sandon is a terminus of the Kaslo & Slocan railway and of the Nakusp & Slocan branch of the C. P. R. It is 3,400 feet high up in the mountains, and being built in a gulch between two mountains, fire starting there was almost bound to destroy the whole place. Sandon had really but one street, a long thoroughfare so narrow that a man standing on one side could almost shake hands with friends on the other side. The houses being so close together and being almost without exception of wood, there was no hope for the town once the fire got headway.

Sandon was one of the most remarkable mining towns in the world. It was started as a result of a freeze-out. G. B. Wright held the townsite of Three Forks about five years ago, and as a pretty good town had grown up he refused to sell any land. Two men named Harris and Kelly determined to beat Wright, and though they had hardly a dollar in the world, they went further into the mountains and staked out this gulch as two mineral claims. They put up two or three frame buildings and started to boom the new town of Sandon. So well did they advertise and so rich did the mineral district turn out that in a few months Sandon was a hustling mining town of over 1,000 people, while Three Forks degenerated into a hamlet. Since then Sandon, what with mining and gambling, has always been a warm town. Everything was wide open.

Kaslo is 28 miles from Sandon, but about midnight large clouds of smoke came rolling over this town from where Sandon was. At once word went out that Sandon was destroyed, but no news could be had from the desolate town, as all the wires had been burned. However, at 4 p. m. a train came in from Sandon, bringing a number of those who had lost all their property. They reported that the loss was complete, while the insurance could only have been about $25,000 at most.

The chief losses are as follows:

J. Battlie, Vancouver House, no ins...	$2,000
Mann Bros., liquor store, no ins.....	5,000
Hulten & Johnson, Miners' Hotel, no insurance.....	3,000
Mrs. Funk, furniture, no ins.....	1,000
Roscoe Cameron, no ins.....	7,500
Thos. Brown, ins. $2,000.....	7,000
Sandon Hotel, ins. $2,000	18,000
City Fire Bell, Papers, Poll Tax, etc. no insurance.....	5,000
M. L. Grimmett, office and fixtures, no insurance	2,500
M. J. Broody, store and stock, no ins.	3,500
H. H. Pitts, store and stock, insurance $1,500.....	8,000
Armsbaugh Brooks, valuables, no ins.	
J. Williamson, cigar store, no ins....	2,500
Balmoral Hotel, no ins.....	1,500
Hunter Bros., ins. $16,000	25,000
Atherton & Co., ins. not known.	30,000
F. L. Christie, no ins.	4,000
W. I. Wamsley, no ins.....	4,000
W. I. Wamsley, no ins	7,500
H. M. Sandilands, no ins	1,000
Bank of B. C., ins $2,000	3,000
F. Rahy, peddler, no ins.....	1,500
McQueen, drug store.....	5,000
Kootenay Hotel, ins. not known.....	2,000
P Burns & Co., building and stock, no insurance.....	7,000
Stein Bros., store and stock, no ins..	3,200
O. Pyphers, furniture, no ins.....	750
Chas. Cliffe, printing plant and stationery, no ins	750
Geo. Knowles, residence and stock, no insurance.....	1,500
Dr. Power, office, furniture and effects, no ins.....	3,000
Day & Bigney, no ins.....	600
Fisher Central Music Hall, no ins....	5,000
Chas. Gales, barber, no ins.....	1,800
Hugh McGee, Star Hotel, no ins....	3,000
S. D. G. McMartin, barber, no ins....	350
B. Nelson, Klondike Hotel, no ins....	4,500
E. Thompson, Exchange Hotel, no ins.	11,000
Thistle Hotel, no ins	10,000
Melvin, jeweller, no ins.....	1,500
Neil O'Donnel, transfer, no ins.....	250
J. Kelsen, goods, no ins.....	2,500
Louis Huppertin, cobbler, no ins....	600
Schmoak & Burns Cafe, no ins.....	300
F. J. Donaldson, drug store, no ins..	5,000
A. David, tailor, stock and store, no ins.....	1,300
Armstrong & Co., no ins.....	150
C. McLaughlin, personal effects, no insurance	300
W. J. Parham, stationery, no ins....	1,000
Mrs. Egan, Palace Hotel and furniture insurance, $1,000.....	4,500
Misses McKinnon, millinery, no ins ..	785
M. Kelson no ins	600
John Buckley, no ins.....	9,000
A. Porier, no ins.....	1,000
Clifton House Cafe, no ins.....	2,000
Follott & McMillan.....	1,000
Echo Hotel, no ins., saved $500.....	30,000
Echo Laundry, no ins.....	6,000
Goodenough Hotel, no ins.....	12,000
Virginia block office, no ins.....	18,000
Bank Building, no ins	5,000
Steam heating plant, no ins.....	500
Wm. Karr, no ins.....	750
Isaac Crawford, house, no ins.....	400
E. Taylor, residence and furnishings insurance $300.....	2,000
W. W. Warner, residence, no ins....	1,000
M. Krakenberg, furniture and cigar factory, no insurance.....	1,000
McQueen House, furnishings, no ins..	
F. S. Sewall, residence, furnishings and personal effects, ins. $750..	2,500
M. L. Grimmatt, residence and furniture, insurance $1,000.....	2,000
Methodist Church and parsonage, insurance $800.....	3,200
Presbyterian Church, ins. $1,000.....	3,500
W. W. Fallows, residence and furnishings, insurance $1,000.....	1,800
A. Crawford, residence and furniture no insurance	1,800
James Williamson, ins. $900	1,500
James Griffiths, residence and furniture no insurance	900
P. D. W. Yerve, residence and furniture, no insurance	1,500
Bert Creech, furniture, no ins.....	750
Bert Folliott, house and furniture insurance not known.....	1,500

EAST LILLOOET PROSPECTS.

Prentice and Stoddart Interests Consolidated Against Mr. Martin's Champion.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 4.—Mr. J. D. Prentice of East Lillooet, was a passenger on the Islander to-day for Victoria. Mr. Prentice said to the Colonist correspondent that Mr. Martin's candidate would be opposed by either himself or Stoddart, as they will come to some agreement in the matter. He thought that he himself would probably be the candidate, with Mr. Stoddart's support. On Mr. Prentice being asked whether he was a Conservative or Liberal, he said that he had fought hard for Bostock in the last Dominion election, but that he was nevertheless a Conservative. He wished to run simply as an Independent, but if forced to show his colors, he would declare himself a Conservative.

On being asked if he had allied himself in any way with the Provincial party, Mr. Prentice said as far as he could make out there was very little left of the Provincial party, and there was no course whatever open to him but to run as an Independent in opposition to the Martin party.

Charles Wilson, Q.C., and W. Livingston returned from Revelstoke to-day, where they spoke in the interests of the straight Conservative candidate, Thos. Taylor.

WESTMINSTER CANDIDATES.

Liberals Who Can't Stand Martin Wish to Place an Independent in the Field.

Vanvouver, May 4.—A well attended meeting took place in New Westminster last night in the interests of Liberals, dissatisfied with the Hon. Mr. Martin as leader. It was decided to present a requisition to D. J. Munn, asking him to run against J. C. Brown, government, and R. Reed, Conservative, in the forthcoming elections, as an Independent Liberal candidate.

BOOK BY COL. DENISON.

Toronto, May 4.—A new book is announced from the pen of Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, to be issued shortly. It will be in the form of an autobiography on military affairs.

COUNTY REGISTRAR DEAD.

Toronto, May 4.—J. A. Austin, registrar of the county of Peel, died at Brampton, aged 65.

The English "Society for the Prevention of Consumption" presided over by the Prince of Wales, was recently addressed by Sir William Broadbent, who stated that it was definitely known that every case of consumption began with a germ communicated from some other case. There is no such thing as inherited consumption. There may be local weakness which tends to consumption, but the germ has absolutely to be planted in that weak spot before consumption can ensue. This ought to comfort thousands of people who have "weak chests" or "weak lungs." They are not foreordained victims of this dread disease. All that is needed to bid defiance to this deadly scourge, is to be able to strengthen the weak lungs, and to build up a strong body. The answer to this need is found in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It so purifies the blood and increases the blood supply, that disease is thrown off, and the weak organs are nourished into perfect health, which defies germs of every kind. People, given up by doctors, emaciated, bleeding at the lungs, with obstinate, lingering coughs, are being cured every day by the use of "Golden Medical Discovery." It is a strictly temperance medicine, containing no alcohol, whisky or other intoxicant.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Relief Fund Now Over Half a Million—Rossland Well Rid of Smallpox.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 4—Col. Prior read a telegram in the house to-day from the Mayor of Rossland, stating that there is no smallpox in that city.

Good progress was made in the house to-day with several government measures.

The fire relief fund exceeds half a million dollars.

NEWFOUNDLAND POLITICS.

Annexation to the United States Advocated by Party Now in Power.

St. John's, Nfld., May 3.—The colonial legislature will adjourn to-morrow and the general election will take place in the autumn. Sir James Winter, former premier, will retire from active politics. Mr. Morine will assume the leadership of the opposition. The premier, Mr. Bond, will hold the government forces. Mr. Bond's policy will probably favor annexation to the United States, while Mr. Morine will probably advocate union with Canada.

MANSION HOUSE FIRE RELIEF.

Generous Subscriptions for Ottawa and Hull Still Coming In.

London, May 5.—The Mansion House fund for the Ottawa fire is now £30,000. Messrs. Warner, Bart., Rothschild, Mills & Co., and Newman have each subscribed £1,000, Lord Lansdowne 100 guineas, and Mr. Chamberlain 50 guineas. The Stock Exchange has contributed £5,254. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool has delivered the following: Allan Steamship Co., £500; Elder-Dempster Co., £500; Kardol Co., £500; Cunard, 100 guineas.

ELECTED TO COMMONS.

London, May 3.—In the parliamentary bye-election at Portsmouth to-day to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of the junior Liberal member, Mr. Walter Owen Clough, who recently applied for the Chiltern Hundreds, Mr. Bramsdon, Liberal, polled 10,301 votes; Mr. Majendie, Conservative, 9,691; Liberal majority, 610. Mr. Majendie represented the new imperialistic sentiment, which it was thought would have a strong hold upon a seaport constituency like Portsmouth.

FIRE AT THE PORTAGE.

Winnipeg, May 3.—Fire at Rat Portage to-night destroyed Duncan & Co.'s flour and feed store, King's harness shop, Delbridge's livery stable, a restaurant, and Helloff & Virden's butcher shop. All buildings are a total loss. A heavy wind was blowing, but the firemen saved the immense lumber piles of the Rat Portage Lumber Co.

NORTHWEST ASSEMBLY.

Regina, May 4.—The Northwest legislature adjourned to-day with the usual ceremonies.

COLD IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, May 4.—The thermometer showed 4½ degrees of frost to-day. The cold snap was followed by snow.

WAGES INCREASED.

New York, May 3.—The World to-morrow will say that 20,000 men employed by the Standard Oil Co. all over the country have had their wages raised 10 per cent.

AN ILL-INFORMED MINISTER.

Head of Militia Department Neither Knows Nor Cares What Pay Garrison Receives.

In the House of Commons recently Col. Prior asked the following questions with the view of calling the minister's attention to the reputed discrepancy in pay between the Imperial and Canadian garrisons there:

1. What is the rate of pay per diem allowed by the Imperial authorities to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men quartered at Work Point barracks, British Columbia, giving same for each separate rank?

2. What is the rate of pay per diem allowed to the same officers and men by the Dominion government in addition to the pay they receive from the Imperial government?

3. What is the rate of pay per diem allowed to the Canadian officers and men now doing garrison duty at Victoria, B. C., as Canadian troops?

The Minister of Militia and Defence (Dr. Borden)—In reply to the hon. gentleman, I beg to say: 1. The rates of pay for the arm concerned. As regards details of these rates, they are to be found in the Royal Warrant for pay. The answer would be too long to give. 2. None. 3. The rates of pay for the active militia of Canada.

Col. Prior—Does not Canada give somthing extra?

The Minister of Militia and Defence—I am informed not.

Col. Prior—They used to.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Grand ladies' and children's matinee at Victoria Theatre this afternoon at 2:15; doors open at 1:30. The Boston Lyric Opera Co. in "Martha." Admission—Adults, 50c.; children 25c. Tickets on sale at Victoria Book & Stationery store up to 1 o'clock, after that at theatre box office.

Success of British Columbians.—At the recent examination in the Buffalo University medical school, D. J. King, formerly a member of the newspaper fraternity in Victoria, secured his degree of M. D., passing with high honors and winning an appointment to the staff of the Buffalo general hospital. Another British Columbian who has gained similar distinction is Edgar R. McGuire, at one time a prominent member of the Vancouver lacrosse team. The friends of both gentlemen will be glad to learn of their success.

Samuel Richards Dead.—Samuel Richards, a prominent rancher of Westholme, died on Thursday. Deceased leaves a wife and family. The interment will be at Westholme.

The Mansion House Fund.—His Worship Mayor Hayward yesterday forwarded to the Lord Mayor of London a draft for $161, the sixth instalment of the Mansion House Fund, which is now closed. The total remitted from this city was $1,948.15.

TRICK OF THE MATCH TRUST.

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CLOSE TO-DAY.

Last Performance of the Biograph at the Drill Hall.

To-day's matinee at 3 p. m. and this evening at 8:15 will be the closing performances of the biograph, which has been witnessed by thousands during this week. Besides the military views and war scenes, etc., a splendid picture is shown of Lieut.-Col. Gregory and one of Sergt. W. I. Scott, who was killed in South Africa. Both these pictures brought down the house last evening with loud applause. Mr. Owen A. Smily, the clever entertainer and humorist, will recite his poem, "British and Boer," and also give "How Bill Atkins Won the Battle of Waterloo." The views are far the best ever shown in this city, and no one should miss the last chance of seeing these perfect pictures. The band of the Fifth Regiment will play selections during the performance, which is a treat to hear in itself.

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FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Collie pups. For further particulars apply to M. Finnerty, Spring Park Farm, Finerty's road. m3

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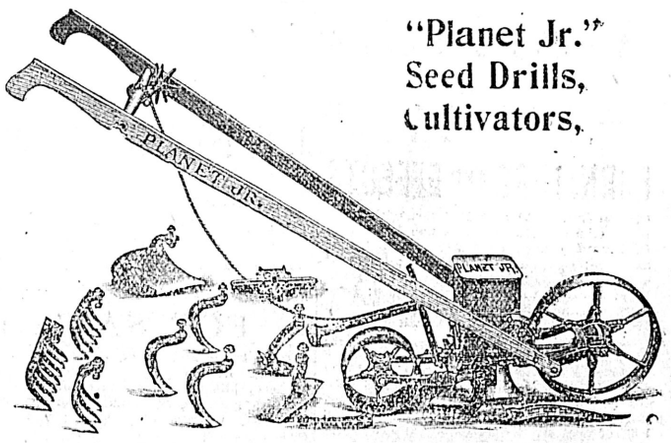

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Finance and Commerce

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEWS.

New York, May 4.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: "A further subsidence of demand and of the level of prices is noticed this week, this process being no doubt aided by the unsettling effect of the rather more than usually disturbed conditions in labor circles. The net result is something approaching dulness in many channels of distribution, increased conservatism in the making of ventures, and a disposition to digest business already arranged for before making new engagements. Business at wholesale is quiet, but more than ordinarily marked attention is being concentrated upon the retail demand, which of course is relied upon as a measure of the progress of actual consumption. Touching this demand, it may be stated that relatively best reports come from the Pacific Coast and from the Northwest, where the spring wheat crop, favored by rains, is reported progressing finely. The situation in iron and steel is still a mixed one. Structural material remains as strong as heretofore, favorable features being the placing of a very large order for bridge material for Canada, while domestic demand is reported very good.

"Canadian conditions continue improved with the opening of navigation and warmer weather. St. John reports activity in dry goods and millinery, but other lines are coming in more slowly with payments hardly up to average. Shipments for the winter show an increase of 50 per cent. and imports a gain of 20 per cent. Collections at Halifax and trade conditions are satisfactory, which is also true of the Toronto district.

"Montreal reports that the opening of the canals has caused much activity in shipments of heavy goods to river and lake points, and groceries are moving freely, while dry goods travellers are carrying full samples and collections are satisfactory. The volume of business has been large at Quebec since navigation has commenced, and money is more plentiful. April business at Vancouver improved beyond expectations, but not up to the same month last year, while collections continue slow, although fine weather has improved retail trade. Business is only fair and collections quiet at Victoria.

The depressing influences of the great fire in Ottawa and Hull are not confined only to those cities. As indicated last week, the large amount of lumber destroyed has had a serious effect upon the trade in that product. Toronto reports improved trade at interior points and large shipments in anticipation of the opening of navigation.

"In the Maritime Provinces a fair trade is reported, while in British Columbia business is quiet and collections are rather slow. Coal exports are heavy.

"Business failures for the week number 19, as compared with 18 last week, 23 in this week a year ago, and 22 in 1898. Failures for April were fewer than in April a year ago, but liabilities were nearly 15 per cent. heavier."

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, May 4.—The stock market maintained its narrow and professional character to-day. Yesterday's slight upward movement was continued at the opening to-day but the close brought prices back to about last night's level and left the net changes insignificant except in a few usually inactive stocks. Sugar retains its relative prominence, though on a decreased volume of dealings. It was lifted above yesterday's close once or twice. The Steel stocks showed some rather languid evidences of positive strength without any particular news to account for it beyond the published opinion of one of the companies arguing that the present low stocks in the yards and impossibility of competition from Europe insures against any considerable reaction in price. The strength of the gold on the market helped an opening advance, but London sold moderately on the advance. Closing quotations:

Amn. Tob	103⅝
Amn. Sugar	113⅝
Anaconda	44⅝
A. T. & S. F.	26⅝
A. S. & W.	40
B. & O. pfd	84¼
B. R. T.	73⅝
Can. Pac	95¼
C. & O	29¾
C. B. & Q	126
Chgo Gas	104
C. & N. W.	161½
C. M. & St. P	118⅝
Con. Tob.	29½
C F. & I	40½
C. C. C. & St. L	61¼
D. & R. G	68½
J. C.	120½
L. & N.	32
Man.	94⅛
Mo. Pac	58½
Met.	155½
Nat. Lead	21⅞
Nor Pac. com	57¾
Nor. Pac. pfd	75½
N. Y. O. & W.	21⅞
P. M.	33¼
Pressed Steel	48½
P. & R.	18¼
Sou. Ry.	13⅛
T. C. & I	81
Tex. & Pac	19¼
U. S. Leather	12¾
U. S. Rubber	93½
U. P.	55⅞
Wab.	9
C. P. R. in London	97½

PRODUCE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, May 4.—Wheat closed, May 65⅞c July 67⅝c. Corn, May 38c; July 40⅛c; Sept. 40⅛c. Oats, May 22⅝c; July 23½c.

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MR. MARTIN AND THE LIBERALS

By forcing the separate school question in the arena of federal politics Mr. Martin did the Liberals a good turn. There is not the slightest doubt that the success of the Liberals in the last general election was in a measure due to the fact that many Conservatives broke away from their party because of the position assumed by Conservative leaders on this question. For services rendered Mr. Martin is entitled to some consideration; but the very peculiarities which enabled him to help the Liberal party stand in the way of giving him any position in the party. This was so forcibly recognized by the Liberal leaders that when the cabinet was constructed Mr. Martin was left out. Since that day to this he has taken advantage of every opportunity to harass and embarrass the Liberal government. When negotiations were being carried on at Washington last year with a view of settling the differences between Canada and the United States, Martin, as attorney-general of the province, succeeded in passing a bill which prevented Americans from holding mineral claims in Atlin. As solicitor of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company he endeavored to bulldoze the Dominion government into giving the C. P. R. concessions for the Crow's Nest road that the government did not feel disposed to grant. That the Liberals lost Manitoba is partly due to Mr. Martin's action in opposing the Greenway government. That the Liberals lost Winnipeg is due to Mr. Martin's influence. Here his machiaevelian tactics recoiled on himself. Martin went down to Ottawa and saw Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He was anxious that his brother, E. D. Martin, should be selected for Winnipeg. He insisted that a straight government candidate should not be put in the field, and undertook on behalf of his brother to give Sir Wilfrid a loyal support if the straight Liberals did not oppose him in the fight. Sir Wilfrid consented, and Martin, chuckling with intense satisfaction, came back to Winnipeg. He saw the Conservative leaders and told them that if they wanted to get even with the Laurier government they should support his brother. His brother, if he received Conservative support, could knock out any straight Liberal. The Conservatives also consented, and Mr. Martin was happy. But he did not reckon with a class who are not politicians, and consequently are seldom turned from what they consider their duty by such schemes as Martin's. The labor element nominated Mr. Puttee, who declared at an Ottawa banquet that the only objection he had to his opponent was that he was a brother of Joseph Martin's. This will give a fairly good idea of what the labor leaders think of Mr. Martin in Manitoba.

When Mr. Martin was called upon by McInnes to form a government, was he then anxious to promote the interests of the Liberal party? By no means. His first thoughts were for strong Conservatives, and he went to James Dunsmuir and others. It was only when he was spurned by these men that he declared himself a heavenborn leader sent to lead the provincial Liberal forces to victory. This is the man loyal Liberals are asked to follow. Liberalism never calls upon its believers to sacrifice their self-respect or their independence. It never calls upon them to follow a man who considers himself of more importance than the party.

Joseph Martin may be able to hoodwink a few misguided Liberals in British Columbia, but he cannot inveigle Sir Wilfrid Laurier into an endorsation of his leadership. Here is Sir Wilfrid's reply to his overtures: "I realize the force of keeping party lines, but the reasons which I have given you in my first letter must make it plain to you that if party lines are to be maintained I will expect that the policy of the federal government be respected. There are no party lines in your programme, and I appeal to you that it would have been easy for you to give way to the policy which we have enunciated."—Greenwood Times.

THE ARAB AND HIS HORSE.

So much has been written about the respect of an Arab for his horse that it is natural to think of the Arab steed as peculiarly delicate and sensitive to adverse influences. This is not the case. The wants of an Arab horse are few, and he will maintain his health and spirits under conditions which other horses could never endure.

Indeed, not only can he put up with hardships at a pinch, but he actually deteriorates if too carefully tended. This has been proved again and again by purchasers who have refused to believe the usual three feeds of grain a day to be too much, or the morning hour of walking exercise too little.

The fact is that an Arab is naturally so high-spirited, and so difficult to tire, that even a single feed of corn is excessive unless he is being subjected to exceptionally hard work. He will answer every requirement as a hunter, if he has the run of a paddock, and can regulate his own food and exercise.

These remarks apply to the ordinary Arab horse in every day life. What a picked animal can do when put upon his mettle is almost beyond belief. An officer recently returned from the Soudan says that after a ride of eight hundred miles his horse showed no signs of overwork, although he has cast all his shoes before a quarer of the journey was accomplished. Many of the camels had died on the way, and others had suffered severely, but the Arab horse was unhurt.

It was an Arab that, at Firozpur, carried one hundred and forty-six pounds and won a ten-mile race in twenty-five minutes, a feat of endurance, rarely, if ever, equalled.

Sitting down or lying down is not necessarily resting. You must learn the secret of relaxing, letting go, removing all tension. Do not wait until you become tired, but snatch a moment here and there, and then just let yourself rest. —Ladies' Home Journal.

SPRING CLEANING.

Yes, clean yer house, an' clean yer shed
An' clean yer barn in every part;
But brush the cobwebs from your head
An' dust a cosey chair for Hope,
Jes' w'en spring cleanin' comes aroun'
Bring forth the duster an' the broom,
But rake yer foggy notions down
An' sweep yer dusty soul of gloom.

Sweep ol' idees out with the dust
An' dress yer soul in newer style.
Scrape from yer min' its worn out crust
An' dump it in the rubbish pile.
Sweep out the hates that burn an' smart,
Bring in new loves serene an' pure,
Aroun' the hearthstone of the heart
Place modern styles of furniture.

Clean out yer moril cubby holes,
Sweep out the dirt, scrape off the scum,
'Tis cleanin' time for healthy souls;
Git up an' dust! The spring has come!
Clean out the corners of the brain,
Bear down with scrubbin' brush an' soap,
An' dump ol' Fear into the rain,
An' dust a cosy chair for Hope.

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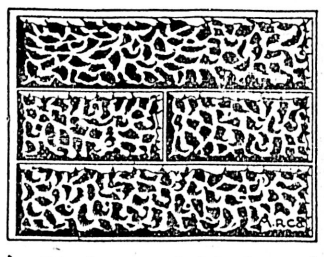

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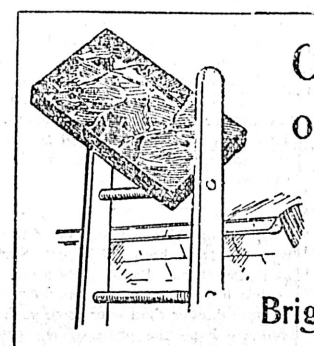

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THE WAR.

The occupation of Brandfort by our forces was not expected at so early a day, and it shows that Roberts understands the art of keeping his counsel. The importance of this success on the part of our arms is great, but we do not regard Brandfort as of as great strategic value as Winburg, to which the enemy are reported to be retreating and where they may make their next stand. We mean now strategic from the Boer point of view. It is a decided gain for us, because it will enable Roberts to utilize the railway beyond his new headquarters, and cut off any communication that may exist between the enemy in the centre of the Free State and his commandos operating on the western frontier. Winburg is a point to the possession of which the enemy will attach greater importance, because it commands the main roads to the northeastern part of the Free State, and the Boer forces being strung along the eastern frontier. Winburg will be their natural rallying point. The Associated Press report says that the occupation of Brandfort menaces the Boer forces now southeast of Bloemfontein; but how this can be the case is not very clear. Perhaps northeast is meant.

The situation is gradually changing; but it is not easy to make the changes well understood without the use of a map, and this would have to be altered almost daily. Perhaps by putting together the information contained in several despatches we may be able to present a comprehensive view of the situation. Thaba N'chu is 40 miles due east from Bloemfontein. Brandfort is 35 miles due north of that town. Thus we have a right-angled triangle with the Bloemfontein-Thaba N'chu road as the base 40 miles long, the railway to Brandfort, 35 miles, as the perpendicular. The hypothenuse is a line joining Brandfort and Thaba N'chu and is nearly 53 miles long. A line drawn from Bloemfontein so as to cut the hypothenuse at right angles and prolonged about 30 miles beyond the hypotheneuse would strike Winburg. Broadwood's cavalry is moving northward outside of the triangle, and if the maps are at all accurate, he ought soon to be in touch with the enemy's outposts around Winburg. Hamilton is following him with infantry and artillery, while Tucker is moving out from the perpendicular across the hypothenuse also with infantry and artillery. Roberts may send Pole-Carew towards Smaldeel Junction, where the branch from Winburg joins the railway to Pretoria. If this is done, the enemy may retreat northward by the highway to Kroonstadt or northeastward to Eenekal. If Roberts is in a position to utilize the railway he may be able to cut off the enemy's retreat to Kroonstadt, and compel him to leave the way open to Pretoria. We are inclined to regard the operations around Winburg as of very great importance, for if they are promptly attended with success, the enemy's forces around Thaba N'chu and Ladybrand and the commando which is opposing Brabant south of Ladybrand will be in a bad case indeed. They will be isolated, and it is difficult to see how they can re-establish their communications.

One of last night's despatches announced that the mounted infantry had gone on to the Vet river, and that the rest of the force would follow to-day. The Vet crosses the railway between 15 and 20 miles north of Brandfort, and as the despatch says that the railway has been repaired we conclude that the advance is along the line and not in the direction of Winburg, south of which are the headwaters of the river. To-day our forces are likely to reach Smalldeel Junction and thus cut off rail connection with Winburg.

Windsorton, where Gen. Hunter has crossed the Vaal, is in Griqualand West, and not, as might be supposed, in the Transvaal. This movement indicates that the Boers will be soon driven out of the Barkley district. Lord Roberts regards the incident as important. Hunter will now be able to flank the enemy at Fourteen Streams.

THURSDAY'S SPEECHES.

It was to be expected that Mr. Turner in addressing his late constituents on Thursday night would make some reference to the circumstances attending his own dismissal from office and the charges made against him at that time. In the history of British Columbia politics there never has been an occasion when more serious matters were laid at the door of retiring ministers by a person in high authority, who might naturally be supposed to take an unbiassed view of all questions. For this reason very many people, although we do not think the majority of the voters of this province, believed that if Mr. Turner and his colleagues were not literally guilty of the things alleged against them, they had in some way abused their powers, and there was undoubtedly a very general expectation that, when the house met in 1899, Mr. Martin and his colleagues would have made some show of justifying the course taken by the Lieutenant-Governor, of establishing that there was at least some colorable ground for the very serious allegations made by him in his letters to his late advisers. Nothing of this kind occurred. On the contrary, though the press which had supported Mr. Turner's administration called upon the Semlin government to make good the charges that had been so recklessly thrown out or have the manliness to withdraw them, and although the deposed ministers pleaded in their places in the house that common justice should be done them, and if there was not, as there certainly was not, any foundation for the charges that they should be withdrawn, not a word was said either one way or the other. Mr. Turner and his colleagues had to remain content with the negative acquittal of silence on the part of those who had been their accusers, when they were brought face to face with the jury by which all public men are tried. The people of Victoria, by the manner in which they returned Mr. Turner and his associates at the by-election in 1899, showed that they took no stock in the Lieutenant-Governor's assertions, and while it was natural that at the opening of the campaign Mr. Turner should refer to them again, we think that he may very properly refrain from doing so in future, for no one believes that he or any of his colleagues were in any wise guilty of misfeasance in office. Indeed it is a matter for congratulation that, after the affairs of the province have been in the hands of hostile politicians for nearly two years, not a single thing has been brought to light to cast discredit on the Turner regime. Mr. Turner will therefore be excused if he no longer considers himself bound to defend his public record, but confines himself to the conditions of the present and the demands of the future.

Mr. Turner very properly arraigned the policy of the Semlin government as evidenced by the legislation of 1899, for although Mr. Martin replaced Mr. Semlin in the premiership, it must not be forgotten that his was the ruling mind in the Semlin ministry during the session of 1899, when so much objectionable legislation was passed. It is true that Mr. Martin apparently stands ready to repudiate most of the work of that session, but this will avail him nothing, or at least it ought not to avail him anything before the bar of public opinion, for, as Mr. Turner pointed out, "the government should ascertain and know the probable effect of important legislation before introducing it." For all the evil which resulted from the legislation of 1899 Mr. Martin is directly responsible, and as this is the first time that the people have had the opportunity to pronounce their verdict on that issue, we hold that Mr. Martin may be properly condemned upon the record of that session alone. His readiness to repeal some of the bad laws and alter others does not relieve him, for the mere fact that he rushed through demagogic measures, which he himself now admits were ill-advised, is the best possible reason why he should not be permitted to enter upon a fresh course of experimental legislation. Mr. Turner's arraignment of the policy with which Mr. Martin was identified was forcible and unanswerable. It is supported, not by opinions, but by the hard facts of finance.

Passing on to Mr. Martin's policy, Mr. Turner reviewed this in some detail, but necessarily not exhaustively, for the time at his disposal would not permit this. He took exception to Mr. Martin's proposed plan of reenacting the Mongolian exclusion acts, and thought it far wiser for the several governments—that is, the Provincial, the Federal and the Imperial—to work in harmony. He hoped the matter would be taken up in a spirited manner by the people of the province, and representations be made in the proper quarter, so that this exceedingly important issue may be settled without friction with the home authorities and the established policy of the Empire. We think this view ought to commend itself to the public. On the eight-hour law Mr. Turner's position was very plain and reasonable. He favors the recognition of eight hours as a statutory day, but objects to any law forbidding men to work overtime. Absolute freedom of contract is peculiarly a British right. The idea of limiting individual freedom in matters of this kind is an importation from the United States, where the German socialistic idea has misled the sober Anglo-Saxon workingman into following lines which will inevitably lead to industrial stagnation. Very naturally Mr. Turner endorsed Mr. Martin's proposal to re-establish the London agency. The maintenance of this agency on an efficient basis was one of the fixed policies of the Turner ministry. Mr. Martin when he took office in the first place gave his assent to the reduction of the agency to a mere clerkship. He has, however, seen the error of his ways in this as in some other matters, and the fact that he at one time consented to the practical abolition of the office shows that he is unsafe as a director of the affairs of the province. On the question of conserving the public lands for the public benefit, Mr. Turner confessed that Mr. Martin's declaration did not convey any definite meaning to him; nor can it to anyone else, for the public domain is now held for public benefit. We print a summary of Mr. Turner's remarks on Mr. Martin's railway policy, because a few inaccuracies crept into the report printed in the Colonist yesterday:

The $5,000,000 to be borrowed under the authority of the act of the session of 1898 would have secured the construction of 1,000 miles of railway at a subsidy of $4,000 a mile, and left $1,000,000 to be expended on roads and other public works in the province. The annual cost to the province for the whole 1,000 miles completed would be at the utmost $170,000 a year, and from this would have to be deducted 4 per cent. on the gross earnings of 400 miles of these lines. This 4 per cent. probably would amount to $60,000 a year. Now, under Mr. Martin's plan, taking the average cost of railways in Canada, the United States and New Zealand as a guide, it is quite evident that this Kootenay line would cost about $40,000 a mile; but put it down at $35,000, and the total for only 300 miles would be ten and a half millions. Suppose that the interest and sinking fund was only 4½ per cent. (he believed it would be nearer 6 per cent.) the annual cost to the province would be $472,000, and there would be in addition to this the annual loss on the running of the line, which would have to be met for several years at least. Thus only 300 miles would cost the province $472,000 a year, and contingent loss to add, whilst under the other plan 1,000 miles would only cost $110,000 a year and no risk of loss. If the 1,000 miles was constructed under Mr. Martin's plan, making allowance for the depression that the application for so large a sum would make in our credit, at least $40,000,000 would be wanted, and this would cost at the lowest estimate one million eight hundred thousand a year and the certainty of considerable loss on running to add. The whole of this large sum would have to be provided from the provincial revenue. This now amounts approximately to a million and a half dollars, only about nine hundred thousand of which is raised by taxation in the province. Out of this there has to be first paid for running expenses, public debt, education, hospitals and charities, etc., etc., about one million three hundred thousand, leaving two hundred thousand for public works; therefore largely increased taxation must result. For only 300 miles of the line taxation would have to be doubled, and for 1,000 miles fully four times as much taxation would be necessary, and the largest part of this increase would have to be borne by residents outside of the municipalities.

If the whole line to Kootenay, which would be 400 miles, not 300 miles, was built, the charges against revenue would be one-third more.

In reply to a question as to whether he favored government ownership of railways, Mr. Turner said: "If any government owned the railways in Canada, it should be the Dominion government, not the Provincial." Space forbids more than a reference to two points brought out in the above summary of Mr. Turner's remarks, and they are these: The great increase of taxation necessitated by Mr. Martin's policy, if it could be carried into effect, and the incidence of that taxation. At present the provincial revenue from taxes consists of two parts, which may be divided in round numbers as follows: Fixed revenue, $600,000; revenue that may be augmented, $900,000. Interest and sinking fund on the sum necessary to pay for 300 miles of line would be at least $472,000. For some years after the construction of the line it would not pay running expenses, but allowing nothing for the deficit, it would be necessary to increase the revenue of the province $472,000 every year to meet this charge. This could not be raised by increasing the $600,000, for this is fixed beyond change by our legislature. Therefore the $900,000 would have to be increased more than 50 per cent. This means that what are ordinarily known as the taxes would have to be increased one-half to provide for this 300 miles of railway alone. This taxation would, as Mr. Turner pointed out, fall chiefly upon those persons who live outside the municipalities, that is upon the ranchers and others who own property throughout the province. Granting for argument's sake that the merchants of the cities would be benefited by the railway, the cost of the benefit would fall upon the farmers and others outside of the cities.

These are the only points in Mr. Turner's speech that we think it necessary to refer to this morning, and we have dealt with these at such length that consideration of the remarks of the other speakers must be left until another occasion. Though compelled to compress his matter into a small compass, Mr. Turner presented much food for thought and undoubtedly made an excellent impression.

Losses of bridges from forest fires are reported from both the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways. The spring having been unusually dry, there is more danger than ever from such fires, and we hope the press of the province will unite with us in urging upon hunters, firhermen and all others, who find it necessary to make fires in the forest, to see that they are carefully extinguished. To take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of fires is only a small matter, but it is too often neglected, doubtless through thoughtlessness; but such thoughtlessness is next of kin to criminal negligence.

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By Mr. Napier Denison.

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Friday, May 4th.		Saturday, May 5th.	
Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
1:30 a.m.	7.9 feet.	3:00 a.m.	7.4 feet
5:00 a.m.	8 2 feet.	6:00 a.m	7.5 feet.
12:20 p.m	2.4 feet.	1:00 p.m.	3.3 feet.
8:40 p.m.	9 2 feet.	9:20 p.m.	9.1 feet

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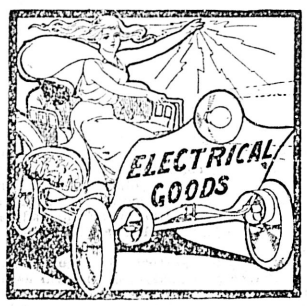

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Notice of Motion.—His Worship Mayor Hayward yesterday posted a notice on the bulletin board at the city hall to the effect that at the next regular meeting of the city council he will recommend the introduction of a by-law to amend the expenditure by-law, 1900.

Committed For Trial—The lad Bouget, who came up for a hearing in the provincial police court yesterday, was committed for trial by Magistrate Hall on the charge of stealing from the farm of M. Morrisey at Cedar Hill.

Removal.—The bankrupt stock of boots and shoes recently in the Vernon block, on Douglas street, has been removed to Yates street, Mr. Davies having secured the premises formerly occupied by the bar of the Hotel Wilson.

A Welcome Rain.—The heart of the farmer was made to rejoice yesterday at the welcome downfall of rain. The crops throughout the district were badly in need of a shower and the danger resulting from a possible untimely drought is now past.

The Dominion Trading Stamp Co. have leased their show rooms, corner of Broad and Fort streets, for another year. During this week plate-glass fronts will be placed in, and the premises altered and decorated. While this is in progress business will be carried on as usual, and customers are requested to overlook any inconvenience that may result. *

Singing Evangelist.—Rev. J. Bennett Anderson, the Singing Evangelist, who has had a wide experience in all parts of the world, preaching for nearly 50 years, is in the city and will hold a meeting in Temperance hall this evening. To-morrow he will preach in the Centennial Methodist church in the morning and afternoon, and in the evening will address a mass meeting. Mr. Anderson was chaplain to the Outlanders during the Jameson raid.

A Needed Improvement.—A little innovation which would be much appreciated by the witnesses who are required to attend police court cases would be the providing of a suitable place where they might take seats when they are excluded from the court room during the progress of a case. As arrangements are now witnesses are required to stand outside the court room in the entry or loiter on the steps, much to their inconvenience.

Father and Son Sentenced.—In the Supreme court yesterday Mr. Justice Drake sentenced Edward and William Bayless, who elected to speedy trial, on the charges of having broken into the house of Mr. Gillespie at Sooke and Mr. Ward at Westholme and stealing therefrom a quantity of goods. Edward Bayless was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment on both counts, the sentence to run concurrently, and William to three years on both counts, the sentence to run concurrently. Deputy Attorney-General Maclean appeared for the crown and the prisoners were undefended.

Street Repairing.—True to the traditions of their race the myrmidons of the streets committee with the deadly pick and shovel have been at work on the recently macadamized portion of Yates street just above Douglas, and now that erstwhile beautiful thoroughfare rejoices once more in all the shaggy beauty of the good old days of old. No sooner had Jumbo and his friends rolled the street into first class shape than it was found necessary to dig large caverns to relay water pipes.

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The Police Court.—In the police court yesterday, T. Nich appeared to answer to the charge of attempting to wound G. Vauraky. Accused is interested in a Government street restaurant with Petre Metre. Vauraky was engaged to make out the acounts, and a dispute arose between the partners, in which Nich, it is alleged, seized a knife and threatened to kill Vauraky. The case was remanded until this morning. Two drunks paid the usual fines.

The March of Progress.—A set of bar fittings valued at upwards of $1,000 has been manufactured in this city for Messrs. Weiler Bros. for shipment to the Yukon. This would go to show that the days when the seductive cocktail, the gently bracing "stone fence" and an equally refreshing "eye-opener" were served over a rough pine board have departer forever from the stamping ground of the festive "Swiftwater Bill" and his ilk. No doubt the artistic merits of these elaborate fixtures will go a long way towards ameliorating the picturesque savagery of the wild and wolly North.

Successful Candidates.—At McGill, Montreal, the following British Columbia students were successful: First year—A. E. Foreman, Vancouver, led his class and won prizes in geometry, English, mathematics and physics. The following are entitled to supplementaries: Albert Langley, Victoria; William Pemberton, Victoria; George Kendall, Vancouver; R. Musgrave, Duncan; and William Musgrave, Duncan. Second year—Hy. de Pencier, Vancouver, passed third in his class in the department of mining engineering, winning two prizes; Stanley Barwick, Vancouver, passed fourth in the same class. Third year—In the department of electrical engineering Herbert Lloyd is entitled to supplementary; and in the department of mining engineering Charles Tupper is entitled to supplementary. In the graduating class in the department of electrical engineering, Clement R. Kingscote passed.

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Old Bridge Still Stands

Injunction Issued Preventing Removal of Remains of Point Ellice Structure.

Wreck Must Stand Pending Settlement of Claim of J. M. Muirhead.

His Lordship Mr. Justice Drake yesterday granted an injunction restraining the city from removing the remains of the old Point Ellice bridge until the 10th day of May, upon the application of James McLaren Muirhead.

Mr. Muirhead has a claim against the city of $750, arising out of the memorable disaster which cost so many lives on May 26, 1896. He was a passenger on the car when the ill-fated bridge collapsed, but escaped with but slight injuries. An effort has been made by the city to settle with Mr. Muirhead, $500 being mentioned as the sum offered. This he refused to accept, and his present action in obtaining an injunction against the pulling down of the old bridge is for the purpose of forcing a settlement.

In legal phraseology the plaintiff's application was "for an injunction restraining the defendants, agents, officers or servants from tearing down, removing, altering or otherwise interfering with the Point Ellice bridge, which bridge collapsed through the negligence of the defendants on the 26th May, 1896, until after the trial of the action now pending in the supreme court between James McLaren Muirhead, as plaintiff, and said corporation and the Consolidated Railway Company, until the action is finally determined."

The restraining order of the court is as follows:

"Upon hearing Mr. Fell, of counsel for the above-named plaintiff, and upon hearing read the affidavit of Francis B. Gregory, sworn the 4th day of May, 1900, and filed herein, and upon the plaintiff's solicitor undertaking to abide by any order this court may make in respect to any damages the defendants may sustain in the event of this order being set aside.

"It is ordered that the defendants, their agents, officers and workmen and all others be and they and each of them are hereby restrained until the 10th day of May, 1900, from tearing down, removing, altering or otherwise interfering with the remains of the defendants' bridge, known as the Point Ellice bridge, in the city of Victoria aforesaid, which said bridge collapsed on the 26th day of May, 1896.

"M. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE, J."

Great dissatisfaction will be shown at the result of this action should it prevent the removal of the bridge before the Queen's Birthday celebration.

Russo Sang Well.—Sig. Russo, the great tenor with Col. W. A. Thompson's Boston Lyrics, did not appear in "La Mascotte," which was the bill-in-chief last evening at the Victoria, but amends were made in the subsequent introduction of the fourth act of "Rigoletto," wherein he covered himself with glory. His voice, clear as a bell, eminently suited the impassioned music, and it is the acme of commendation to note that the musically critical were quite as much enraptured as with the Miserere in "Trovatore." Misses Stanton and Leckley and Mr. Maslin also contributed most acceptably to the final feast of good music, agreeably concluding an evening for the most part devoted to the absurdities of broad farce. This afternoon the company give "Martha" as a matinee bill, closing in the evening with Goethe's immortal "Faust."

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Arranging Details.—At a well attended meeting of the parade and sports committee in connection with the forthcoming Queen's Birthday celebration, last evening, Mr. Ridgway-Wilson reported that at a conference of the school teachers and the sub-committee, it was decided that 700 of the elder school boys would be placed in the procession, appropriately decorated with sashes. It was not thought advisable to have the boys carry flags, as without them they will present a more military appearance. The children on the day of the procession will hold no exercises, but will do so probably at a later date, to be called School Children's Day. Mr. W. H. Langley reported that at a meeting of the officers of the Fifth Regiment it was decided to lend every assistance possible to make the parade a success, though it is questionable, as the men of the battalion will have to parade in the morning, if they could without discomfort take part in the parade in the afternoon. It was decided to ask the various fraternal organizations on the Mainland to come over and take part. It was suggested that the parade should start from the city hall, the school children and societies falling in from the side streets. The sports committee reported having arranged for a baseball match between a local team and a team from the Sound. A football match between the Kamloops and Victoria teams was also decided upon. Government street, Belleville street and James Bay bridge are to be decorated and illuminated on both days of the celebration.

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Lt.-Col. Grant, president of the local branch of the Red Cross Society, writes as follows to the Colonist:

Work Point Barracks,
May 4th, 1900.

Sir:—I shall be much obliged if you will allow me space to acknowledge, on behalf of the executive committee of the local branch of the Red Cross Society, a contribution of $50 towards the funds of the society from Mr. F. Napier Denison, being partly a personal donation and partly the proceeds of the sale of tickets for the interesting lecture which he recently delivered on the subject of "Our Atmospheric Ocean."

Those interested in the Red Cross Society will be glad to learn that a sum of about $160 has been subscribed in Victoria since the formation of the local branch. This excellent organization which has been doing such useful work in the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers in South Africa deserves, however, far more substantial support than it has yet met with in this city.

Donations or subscriptions for membership should be forwarded to Dr. J. Duncan, the hon. treasurer, 79 Fort street, or to any member of the committee.

Owing to the Management of the E. & N. Ry. changing the name of Shawnigan Lake Station, and now calling it Koenigs Station and the transferring of the name of Shawnigan Lake to Gilesville 1½ miles south, has caused confusion and great inconvenience to guests bound for the old Shawnigan Lake Hotel. George Koenig the proprietor of the said Hotel begs therefore to inform the public that he is still to be found at the old Hotel and that Koenigs Station is the Place to get offat'

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Fire Losses At the Capital.

Colonist Correspondent Tells of the Big Blaze of Last Month.

Canadian Cattle Again to Be Placed in Quarantine in England.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, April 28.—The sitting of parliament is suspended by reason of a calamity, the like of which one never cares to see more than once in a lifetime. The fire which broke out in Hull on Thursday morning, and then, fanned by a strong breeze, was carried across the river into the city of Ottawa, sweeping before it dwellings, factories, churches, schools, stores, etc., ranks in its direful effects almost with that of the city of St. John, N. B., in 1877. In the St. John fire between 15,000 and 20,000 people were rendered homeless, and loss to the amount of $22,000,000 was sustained. Almost an equal number of people in the sister cities here are without shelter, while the loss is variously estimated at from $12,000,000 to $15,000,000. The burnt district is one of the saddest sights that man can gaze upon. Especially was it so the morning after the fire, when the homeless ones were searching among the ruins for any little knick-knacks which they might find. The most serious loss sustained is in the quantity of valuable lumber destroyed, but the far-reaching effects of the fire will be felt for many a day, as between 5,000 and 6,000 persons are out of employment. Next in importance to the lumber which is gone is the mammoth establishment of the E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Company, the pride of industrial Ottawa. Everything is lost to the firm except the sulphide mill, and the peculiarity of the situation with regard to Eddy's is that the insurance policies were changed a few weeks ago so that the company could only claim $100,000 on any one fire, whereas in the former policies there were no such restrictions. By this change alone the company loses $487,000, an amount large enough to discourage most firms to start up again after their all is gone. It is not to dishearten the Eddy Company, however, as the veteran president, although in his 70th year, is determined to adopt the tactics of Bruce and "try again." The losses sustained by the Ottawa Electric Company, Ottawa Electric Railway Company, the McKay Milling Company, Mr. J. R. Booth and the Canadian Pacific Railway were also very great. The latter company estimates its loss at $250,000, and the McKay Milling Company's loss cannot be much less. Although the majority of the dwellings destroyed were of a poor class, being mostly frame buildings, there were nevertheless a number of fine residences wiped out, among them being those of Hon. George E. Foster, ex-minister of finance; Mr. J. R. Booth, president of the Canada Atlantic Railway Company; his son-in-law, Mr. A. W. Fleck; Mr. Levi Crannell, a candidate for the mayoralty four years ago, and other prominent citizens. Late in the afternoon of Thursday, while the fire was in full progress, the sight looking down upon the Chaudiere Flats from Ashburnham Hill was an appalling one. People were making frantic efforts to save their belongings, and there were many instances where furniture was removed from dwellings to what seemed to be places of safety, only to be subsequently devoured by the flames.

Every energy is now being concentrated on the work of relief. Messages of sympathy are coming in from all over the world. While appreciated by our people, they are not so effective as the actual cash, but it is nevertheless interesting to know that outside cities are responding nobly to the appeals sent out by the mayor and the newspapers of Ottawa. The Dominion government has contributed $100,000, and the citizens of Ottawa in their corporate capacity a like sum. The Ontario legislature unanimously voted $25,000, while information received by His Excellency today shows that there is a generous response to the Lord Mayor's request for contributions to a Mansion House fund. The executive committee which has been appointed consists of but eleven members, but several of them have had experience in similar work in the past. The first thing which is engaging the attention of the committee is to relieve the immediate requirements of the sufferers by providing food and shelter. Many of the poor people are camped out in the open, not knowing where to place their household belongings which they have saved. Fortunately the weather has been fine for the last three days, although the nights have been somewhat cold. In Ottawa there was ample shelter for the unfortunates, but on the Hull side the sweep was so clean that it has been deemed advisable to erect shelter huts. As soon as the urgent necessities of the case have been met, a census of the burned area is to be taken. This will include the full details of the families rendered homeless, the losses they have sustained, the value of their property before the fire, the amount of insurance, and information of a similar character which will aid the committee in arriving at a basis of apportionment. Of course this will all take time, but the work will be done systematically, and outsiders may rest assured that any contributions which they send will be put to good purpose. One of the aldermen with a practical turn to his mind, when the question of the city's contribution was under consideration, wanted the money to be devoted to the making of roads and the replacing of the sidewalks. He was promptly sat upon and was informed that the citizens were not considering that phase of the question; that that was a matter for the city council to deal with.

For some months our people have been patting themselves on the back and feeling good over what they have done towards strengthening the bonds of union within the Empire. This tendancy to self-congratulation has certainly been not without reason, and is, presumably, reciprocated to some extent by the people of Great Britain. But sentiment and business are only connected very indirectly, as the Imperial authorities have suddenly, though reasonably enough, reminded us by the orders just issued with reference to the slaughter of Canadian cattle within five days of their being landed in England. In some way, difficult to understand, cattle from the United States were shipped to England on the same ship with some from Argentine Republic. These latter were afflicted with mouth and foot disease, which the United States animals contracted from them on the voyage. Forthwith is promulgated the edict that all cattle from the United States or Canada must be killed as soon as they have landed in the Old Country. Englishmen will take no chance in the matter. They know that if there is foot and mouth disease in the United States, the regulations on this continent are such that the same disease will presently be found in Canada. Our government's promise to take "immediate precautions" is not regarded as satisfactory. Englishmen prefer to take their own precautions. There is no foot and mouth disease in Canada, and the Americans declare there is none in their country, and they are probably right, but Canada must, nevertheless, consent to suffer along with them until an efficient quarantine is adopted. At the same time it is a little exasperating to find England still so ready to classify us along with our neighbors.

Professor Robertson, agricultural commissioner, who, as your readers are well aware, has devoted years to the study of agricultural problems, and has done so much to advance the dairy industry in Canada, is at present engaged in combating what he describes as one of the most cherished illusions of the farming community. He holds that it is not necessary to change the seed used on a farm, but that if proper selection is made and the best grains are used from year to year for seeding purposes, the crop will show no tendency to wear out. In this view he is vehemently opposed by several members of parliament who are practical farmers, and who have been brought up with the notion that the seed must be absolutely changed at intervals to produce the best results. Prof. Robertson has found a supporter in a Montreal gentleman, who has devoted $10,000 for the purpose of determining which theory is right. This money is to be distributed in prizes to children cultivating one acre of ground for three years on the principles which the Professor advocates. Information with regard to the conditions of the contest may be obtained by writing to the Experimental farm at Ottawa.

Parliament has once again had to mourn the loss of one of its members. The late Dr. Haley, M.P. for Hants, came to Ottawa as a legislator first in 1896, but previous to that he had been for many years a member of the Nova Scotia legislature. He was very popular in parliament, being one of those quiet, unobstrusive men who have the faculty of making friends rapidly and have few enemies. A year or so ago he was badly thrown down by his political friends in the matter of the construction of a telegraph line to the Yukon, he being one of the original promotors of the Northern Teliegraph Company, which was prevented from building the line to Dawson by the government stepping in. The government's action had an injurious effect upon Dr. Haley's health, and he greatly grieved over the treatment accorded him.

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England's oldest actor, James Doel, has just passed another birthday, his ninety-sixth, and is still hearty, although he has retired from the management of the inn of which he was landlord until a few months ago. He made his first appearance upon the stage of the Plymouth Theatre, in "The Turnpike Gate," when Queen Victoria was little more than a baby. He says that he remembers seeing the first Napoleon as a prisoner on the Bellerophon.

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The Queen has approver the grant to Mr. Sims Reeves of a Civil List Pension of £100 a year in recognition of his eminence as a singer. For a long time past Reeves has been confined to his bed. Mr. Sims Reeves has been before the public for over half a century. He was born at Woolwich in October, 1822, and first appeared as an operatic vocalist at Newcastle in 1839.

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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Potsdam scarcely knows itself in all the elaborate preparations being made to welcome the future Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and his mother. The Germans are more reconciled to the succession of Prince Charles Edward of Albany than they were to that of the Duke of Connaught's son, as they consider the former one of themselves. An heir with more Hohenzollern blood coursing in his veins, however, would have pleased them better. An unexpected combination of circumstances placed the lad in his present position. The tragic death of the hereditary Prince Alfred, which occurred at Meran, February 6, 1899, left the present Duke without an heir, and the nearest agnate to the ducal throne was thus his brother, the Duke of Connaught. But the succession pleased neither the Duke of Connaught, his mother nor his wife, and when Queen Victoria was in Nice last season a family council was held to discuss this prospective succession, and it was unanimously decided that the Duke should abdicate in favor of his nephew, Prince Charles. The latter is the son of the late Prince Leopold and Princess Helena of Waldeck-Pyrmont, sister of the Queen Regent of Holland.

Since October, 1898, all the Berlin guardhouses possess the portraits of the Emperor and Empress. This was the result of a disagreeable adventure which occurred to the sovereigns one day while taking a stroll "en bourgeois" along Unter den Linden. Arrived at Neue Wache, the Kaiser entered into conversation with the sentinel in charge of the cannon taken from France in 1870, while his wife stood listening a few yards off. The sentinel happened to be a crusty old Pomeranian who had not been at his guns more than a couple of weeks, and thus completely ignorant of the identity of his interlocutor. Taking umbrage at what he considered meddlesome interest, he hastily exclaimed: "Shut up your mouth, you idiot; my cannon do not concern you. Take yourself off from here, with your old woman over yonder." The Emperor, almost beside himself with rage, and indignation, summoned the lieutenant of the guard, made himself known to the grenadier, on whom he imposed a severe punishment, and the following day inundated Berlin guardhouses with the Imperial portraits.

A large quantity of khaki clothing for "the men ordered South," is being made by Dutch and German Jews in the East-end of London. Here 400 or 500 pairs of khaki trousers are turned out per week, at 11d. a pair, three hours and a quarter being the time spent on each pair. City or West-end English firms sub-let their Government contracts to these East-enders.

According to a monumental brass recently erected in the parish church at Chapel en-le-Frith, the sextonship has been retained in one family from 1631. The brass records the death of Joseph Bramwell, who held office since 1893; and goes on to record that the bones of eight predecessors of the same family lie beneath, their terms of office extending from thirty-nine to fifty two years. In the opinion of a Church contemporary, the tenure of the one office from 1631 to 1900 in one family establishes a record.

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Miss Bradley of Tacoma Again Assists with Her Magnificent Soprano.

There were seventeen admirably selected numbers on the programme of good music with which the Arion Club regaled their friends last evening. Miss Grace Helen Bradley, of Tacoma (soprano), Miss Agnes Russell (piano), and Dr. Richard Nash (solo violin) being the assisting artists. It is not extravagant praise to say that the concert on the whole paralleled if it did not surpass in quality any that have gone before, while it is indicative of much praiseworthy patience in preparation that the majority of the items given both by the club and soloists were new to a Victoria audience.

Of Miss Bradley's singing much might be written and all in well deserved praise. To the attraction of a very pure and filling voice handled with most agreeable method are added a sympathetic consideration of theme and charming individuality that make the beautiful singer doubly welcome, while her choice of subjects indicates marked versatility and a commendable desire to please all rational tastes.

Her first number of yesterday, "Chanson de l'Almee" (Leo Delibes), was ample demonstration of the singer's mastery of vocal technique, the difficulty of the song being at all times obscured in the ease with which it was given by this handsome as well as talented daughter of Tacoma. A double encore but faintly expressed the appreciation of the audience, and in good-humored acquiescence to the demand for more, the pretty trifle, "If," was daintily sung.

Subsequently Miss Bradley was heard in the soprano solos included in the selections from "The Fencing Master," given as the club's eighth number; and in "Rest Thou, My Child (Bemberg), and "Spring" (Henschel, the former given with almost reverent tenderness and the latter with a rippling brilliancy quite in keeping with the theme. As a final proof of her good nature, Miss Bradley acknowledged a recall with "In Gay Seville."

Accentuating and emphasizing the charm of these several songs, Miss Russell's exquisite accompanying merited the enthusiastic commendation that it evoked from all critics of instrumentation.

Dr. Nash's violin solos—"Romance sans Parole" (Sivori) and "Souvenir de Posen" (Wieniawski)—were played in his usual good style, the second item being especially pleasing and winning a vociferous recall.

As for the club numbers, they were all delightfully done and showed much more than careful reading of the works interpreted. The evening was opened with a new "Northman's Song," by Kucken, which went with dash and vigor, but proved so short that the audience had barely settled itself to enjoyment ere the song was sung.

The "Morning Serenade" was in F. van der Stuken's best vein—quaint and dainty and fresh with the spice of lilacs at the breaking of the day; while A. J. Caldicott's madrigal of "The Spider and the Fly" displayed conspicuously the perfect obedience of the club to their leader's baton, and his easy handling of the singers under his direction. The number, as its title suggests, is full of whimsical humor and philosophy.

Still another popular item among the new songs of the club's was W. H. Neidlinger's pretty setting of the old friend, "Where Are You Going, My Pretty Maid." "Night Witchery" (A. M. Storch) was handled with consummate taste, and received a merited encore; the "Wanderer's Song" (arranged from R. Schumann) showed a regrettable weakness in the tenors, although it went fairly well for a first singing; the "Serenade" (F. A. Frieberg), new also, was beautifully modulated, and showed the club to special advantage in the piano passages; and "By the Sea" (arranged from F. Schubert) proved somewhat melodramatic, the sentiment being hardly appreciated at its full value apparently, although the effect of the rolling up and receding of the waves on the shore was a sound picture the accuracy of which could scarce escape attention and appreciation.

Of the club's other two pieces, number eight—"The Fencing Master" selections—was a three-fold treat, the "Money Lenders' Chorus," "We Are Very Poor Musicians," and the "Serenade" being given, with Miss Bradley (soprano), Mr. A. T. Goward (tenor) and Mr. P. Wollaston (bass) as the soloists. The number was sung by the club seated, and proved an eminently happy selection. True, in the second portion the gentlemen soloists lacked hearty identification with their theme, but amends were made in the "Serenade," wherein Miss Bradley and Mr. Goward were the soloists, and the splendid range of the fair visitor's voice was shown, together with the uniform clearness, fullness and sweetness of her high and her low notes. So much was the "Serenade" appreciated that an encore acknowledgment was insisted upon, and the entire number repeated.

The programme closed as it had opened, with a new number, "The Song of Harold Harfager" (H. Werner), being unquestionably the heaviest and most dramatic selection of the evening, and being admirably handled to utilize the club's full strength in each and all departments.

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ASSUMES OFFICE.

New Finance Minister in Charge of His Department—No More Changes.

Hon. J. C. Brown has been sworn in as a member of the executive council of British Columbia, and has been appointed minister of finance, vice Hon. Colin S. Ryder. Mr. Brown took charge of the office yesterday and will spend several days here getting acquainted with the working of the department before starting out on a campaign.

In conversation with a representative of the Colonist yesterday Mr. Brown said as far as he knew no further changes would be made in the cabinet. The question of Mr. S. Perry Mills becoming a member of the government had not even been discussed. The report that Mr. Martin would drop off the ticket in Victoria he also said was without foundation, and he intimated that if elected for both Victoria and Vancouver, the Premier would sit for this city.

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THE FIRE RELIEF FUND.

Substantial Sum Forwarded to Ottawa—A Call from Sandon.

His Worship Mayor Hayward yesterday forwarded by wire to the chairman of the Ottawa-Hull fire relief committee at Hull the sum of $300.05. This makes the total amount raised and sent from this city $1,347.55, as follows::

Forwarded by Mayor	$300.50
Forwarded by Chinese Benevolent Society	500.00
Forwarded by Fifth Regt. Band (concert proceeds)	351.00
Forwarded by Molson's Bank (including Capt. Irving's contribution of $100)	111.00
Forwarded by Japanese residents	85.05

The complete destruction by fire of the thriving little town of Sandon yesterday will probably result in another call being made on the generosity of Victorians, as yesterday Mayor Hayward received the following despatch:

Three Forks, B.C., May 4.—Sandon completely wiped out by fire. Everything lost.

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GRAND FORKS.

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D. G. Evans is doing extensive development work on his group, the Superior, Snowshoe and Mammon, adjoining the Volcanic and Golden Eagle in Brown's camp, north fork of Kettle River.

During the past fortnight sixty feet of drifting and cross cutting has been done on the Hartford, in Wellington camp. The principal owners are Wm. Farwell, general manager of the Eastern Townships Bank, Sherbrooke, Que., and H. N. Galer of the Granby smelter.

The offices, shaft and power houses of the B. C. mine in Summit camp had a narrow escape from destruction by fire yesterday. A heap of brush along the railway spur near the dump was being burned, and the sparks carried by the wind ignited the adjacent dry grass, trees, cord-wood, stumps, etc.; soon it extended over several acres. The heat was terrific. All the miners above ground were formed into a bucket brigade and were directed by Supt. Scrafford and Accountant Mackintosh. A fire hose also did good service. The flames were not checked until they had reached within twenty feet of the powder house, where thousands of pounds of explosives were stored. One shack was destroyed, and the occupant, a miner, had a narrow escape Standing on the spur were a number of cars laden with dynamite; they received a scorching, but were shifted down the track in time. After half an hour's work the wind fortunately shifted to the opposite direction the fire then swept through dry trees, and finally exhausted itself in the green timber. Several acres were swept over. At one time it looked as though the fire would extend across the hill to Summit City. Mr. Mackintosh telephoned a warning, and Col. Haywood and the inhabitants turned out prepared for any emergency.

JAPANESE CONTRIBUTE.

Subscriptions Sent from Victoria in Aid of Ottawa Sufferers.

Japanese residents of Victoria showing their deep sympathy with the sufferers of the recent disaster at Ottawa and Hull, collected the generous contributions amounting to $85.05 in aid of the relief fund. The sum was sent to Consul Shimizu Vancouver, in order to be forwarded together with oher contributions from their countrymen. The following is a list of contributions.

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Members of Japanese Baptist Union	2.00
U. Ohyama and Members of the Japanese Methodist Mission	7.05
Total	$85.05

SONGHEES RESERVE.

Dominion Minister Not Concerned with the Menace to Victoria Citizens.

From the Commons Hansard.

Mr. Prior asked: 1. Are the government aware that as yet no settlement has been arrived at with the provincial government of British Columbia for the removal of the Indians from the Songhees Indian Reserve?

2. Are they aware that the citizens of Victoria are unanimous in wishing this removal to be carried out without delay?

3. Are they aware that a most brutal murder of a white woman occurred on this reserve some few months ago, and that until this land ceases to be an Indian reserve the city cannot police it effectually?

4. Will the government again take this matter up with the provincial government, at once, and earnestly attempt to come to a settlement so that the Indians may be removed from the reserve?

Mr. Sutherland.—I beg to reply: 1. Yes. 2. The government has been for some time aware of the desire of the citizens of Victoria to have the Indians removed, and it, therefore, made, as is shown by the papers which were laid on the table of the house, an early and earnest endeavor to arrange with the provincial authorities for their removal and the disposal of the land comprised in the reserve. This claim made by the province in respect to the land in the reserve made joint action necessary. As the hon. gentleman knows, the failure to effect the removal of the Indians does not lie with the Dominion. 3. The government is not aware that a murder has been committed on the reserve. The government does not know of anything which would stand in the way of the reserve being patrolled by the police of the city, did the civic authorities so desire. 4. As the provincial authorities are aware of the readiness of this government to act in accordance with its proposal, as shown in the papers which were laid on the table, there does not appear to be occasion for further action on its part at present.

Sir Howard Vincent has brought back some interesting souvenirs of his visit to the theatre of war. One of them is a Dutch Bible found in Cronje's tent after the capture of Paardeburg laager, and is believed to have been used by the Boer General. It was published in 1831, is printed in black letter, and strongly bound in leather. There are hte hinges and hasps of massive brass clasps, but the clasps themselves have disappeared. The inscription on the half-title is "Desse boek behoondet aan mij Hendrik Jacobus Ooshuisen."

Admiral Sir Henry Keppel is a wonderful old man of the sea. On the verge of ninety-two, he has left his comfortable chambers in the Albany, London, and undertaken a long voyage to British North Borneo. Fifty years ago he was chasing pirates in Bornean waters and storming their strongholds. He has ever since retained an active interest in the British possession of the Far East, and has devoted a good deal of time to his duties as a director of the British North Borneo Company.

FISHING INTERESTS SUFFER.

Minister Has Not Yet Even Read Report of Last Inquiry into British Columbia Complaints.

From the Commons Hansard.

Mr. E. G. Prior, of Victoria B. C., moved for copies of all correspondence, letters and reports between the Marine and Fisheries Department and Mr. W. W. Stumbles, the agent of that department, in connection with his late visit to British Columbia.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Sir Louis Davies.—I may say that a large portion of this report, which is moved for, is confidential.

Mr. Prior. What I want to get at, is the report he has made on the fisheries in British Columbia.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries.—I have received an intimation from the Commissioner of Fisheries to the effect that this is a report which he considers confidential. I have not read it since it came, but he says he thinks it would not be proper to bring it down. I just tell the hon. gentleman this.

Motion agreed to.

Dangers ftom the Cold and Blustering Spring.

From the New York Herald.

"The present fall of temperature over a large area of country, and the probability of its continuance for some time, is very likely to affect the public health by the increase of such troubles as commence with the "ordinary cold." In this connection we cannot lose sight of the fact that grip is still prevailing, and although it has been on the wane there is a threat in the present cold wave of a revival of the former malignancy of the scourge.

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"A NATION OF GOD-FEARING FARMERS."

From "Plain Talks to Little Englanders."

There is a certain section of our citizens, with flabby hearts and soft heads, who delight in being sentimentally humbugged, and the practica man quickly classifies them under the generic term of old women. When Mr. Morley started the fiction that the Boers were "a nation of God-fearing farmers," he hits upon a descriptive embellishment that, so to speak, "touched the spot," and went right home to those amiable nonentities to gull picturesque phrase and nothing more is required to gull and capture the hearts of such excellent people. For the sake of contrast, I suppose, the Uitlander is painted, and the paint is thick, and, of course, tolerably black, and from these strong effects in light and shade it is not difficult to call up scenes of the profligate Uitlander flashing and riotously spending his quickly acquired wealth, whilst the pious Boer, alone on his solitary farm, works uncontaminated by the saturnalia of the mining Babylon. If all this was Fact instead of being Fancy the misgovernment of the Boers would still be inexcusable, for an adventurer, a rake, or a scoundrel is entitled to a voice in the government of a country if he pays his way and conforms to the laws. Our friends the Little Englanders would not even seriously maintain that the Pious enjoy a prior right to tyrannize over the Profligate. Unfortunately, it is my duty to shatter this idyllic picture of Vice and Virtue. The Boer morally is not an atom better than the Uitlander, in many ways he is considerably worse, and in all those respects that make for the education and progress of the race the Boer is barely superior to the Hottentot he despises. He reads his Bible in a fashion, and has evolved a creed at once barbarous, narrow-minded, and so darly fantastic that it shuts out all but an infinitesimal fraction of Protestant Christianity from the Boer paradise. The "piety" of the Boer offers no impediment to him practising the utmost cunning, unlimited treachery, and revolting cruelty to those he may be at enmity with. To hunt down and suffocate a party of natives in a cave by the simple process of burning greenwood in front of the outlet is what the good God-fearing farmers would euphemistically call their "slimness." The manner the Boers have conducted their native wars is one of the blackest pages in the history of the unfortunate aborigines.

"A nation of God-fearing farmers." Such blasphemy is enough to invoke the ire of the Almighty, and make the great missionary Livingstone, who knew the Boers only too well, turn in his grave.

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HALL MINES RECONSTRUCTION.

Details of the New Scheme Laid Before Meeting of Shareholders.

From the London Financial News.

An extra-ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Hall Mines, Ltd., was held at Winchester House, E. C., on Thursday, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing resolutions for the reconstruction of the Company. Mr. Robert Ward presided.

The secretary, Mr. A. E. Ashley, read the notice convening the meeting.

The chairman said: Gentlemen,—You will remember that on the 16th of last month an extra-ordinary general meeting of the company was held, when a new Board of Directors was appointed, and charged with the specific function of drawing up a scheme of reconstruction to present to you for your consideration. The labors of the board since that date have been continuous, and to-day's meeting has been called at the earliest possible moment, so that no time whatever has been lost in endeavoring to give effect to your wishes. The scheme—the particulars of which you will no doubt, have read in the circular accompanying the notice convening this meeting—is briefly, as follows:—That the capital of the reconstructed company—the new company—shall be £325,000, of which 250,000 ordinary shares are to be given in exchange for 250,000 ordinary shares held by shareholders in the existing company, credited with 15s. paid up thereon; 25,000 ordinary shares to be allotted as fully paid to the holders of 25,000 preference shares in the present company, and 50,000 ordinary shares to be placed to reserve to satisfy the debenture holders' right of conversion. The scheme, I may mention, has been drawn up after very careful consideration. As a preliminary step, we called together the debenture holders and the preference shareholders, and by very large majorities they have practically assented to the proposition which we have sketched out.

As regards the debenture holders, I think the board can safely say that the arrangement which we propose should be mutually satisfactory to the shareholders and the debenture holders alike, because, although it is proposed that the issue shall amount to £50,000, it is simply for the purpose of enabling the board to pay off its liability to the bank. The bank, as you will no doubt be aware, holds £25,000 worth of debentures as security for advances, and it is stated in the agreement, which will be laid before you presently, that the £25,000 worth of debentures after they shall have been paid off are not to be re-issued without the consent of a three-fourths majority of the holders of the remaining £25,000 worth of debentures. Therefore the debenture holders will have a smaller lien upon the property, and consequently a greater security, and the ordinary shareholders will also have the advantage of having a smaller attachment to their property to what they had before, as it is hardly likely, unless very strong reasons presented themselves, that the issue would be increased beyond the £25,000. The arrangement made with the preference shareholders is, in the opinion of the board, a very fair one, and that, too, has been accepted by them. We are, as I have already told you, giving them 25,000 fully paid up shares in the new company. At the last meeting it was hinted in the course of the discussion that the board would probably have two strings to its bow. Now, in connection with this reconstruction scheme, the directors were most anxious, in the interests of every individual shareholder, both large and small, to give the closest attention to any proposal that might come, before them but I hardly think it would be desirable for me to speak of the details of a counter proposal which was made to your board, and subsequently withdrawn. However, I may tell you that the proposition which we place before you to-day with a view to reconstruction has this distinct advantage—every shareholder in the existing company will have the opportunity at an expenditure of 5s. per share of retaining an interest in a large property which we all hope and believe is capable of producing very good results. The other proposition had the distinction—it proposed to absolutely acquire the interests of all the shareholders of this company, or in other words to take the juice of the orange and give the peel to the shareholders. We did not consider the scheme would be acceptable to the shareholders, and I may say it was subsequently withdrawn by the proposers on account of the illness of one of the gentlemen connected with it.

Should the resolutions be passed to-day for reconstruction, the company will be in a position to acquire sufficient funds to pay off its liabilities, and we estimate that it will have in addition, a working capital of from £40,000 to £45,000 sterling to proceed with the work of developing this great property which has been so often urged by experts employed by this company and by men entitled to speak on the matter, for whose opinions not only the late board, but some of the largest shareholders have the highest regard. After the resolutions have been proposed and seconded I shall ask the solicitor to explain the agreement which has been drawn up between the Hall pared with the privity and approval of the company—which we propose to name the Hall Mining and Smelting Company, Ltd.—indicating that the company has in view very important operations in connection with smelting in addition to mining. Do you wish me to propose the resolutions separately or en bloc? (Voices: "En bloc.") I now beg to move the following resolutions—(1) "That it is desirable to reconstruct the company, and accordingly that the company be wound up voluntarily and that Atherton Edward Ashley, of 1, Leadenhall street, Lonodon, E. C., be and he is hereby appointed liquidator for the purposes of such winding up, at a fee of fifty guineas." (2) "That the said liquidator be and he is hereby authorized to consent to the registration of a new company to be named the Hall Mining and Smelting Company, Ltd., with a memorandum and articles of association which have already been prepared with the privity and approval of the directors of this company." (3) "That the draft agreement submitted to this meeting, and expressed to be made between this company and its liquidator on the one part and the Hall Mining and Smelting Company, Ltd., on the other part, be and the same is hereby approved, and that the said liquidator be and he is hereby authorized pursuant to section 161 of the Companies' Act, 1862, to enter into an agreement with such new company (when incorporated) in the terms of the said draft, and to carry the same into effect, with such modifications (if any) as he may think expedient." (Applause.)

Mr. George Freeman, in seconding the resolutions, said that there was only one point in the chairman's speech to which he wished to refer—namely, that dealing with the counter proposal to the directors' scheme. Although that proposition was deemed not worthy of acceptance by the board, it proved, to his mind, that the company possessed a valuable property when mining men from the other side were willing to put up from £75,000 to £80,000 to work the undertaking, notwithstanding that they wanted to be paid interest for their money, and to have it back again before the shareholders participated in any profits. Such evidence, he considered justified the shareholders in contributing 5s. per share to work the property. (Hear, hear.)

The solicitor, Mr. Herbert N. Smith, then explained the draft agreement expressed to be made between the Hall Mines, Ltd., and its liquidator of the one part, and the Hall Mining and Smelting Company, Ltd., of the other part, to the meeting.

Mr. Charles de Pass remarked that they had been disappointed in the past, and he wished to know if the chairman could give them any idea what they were to look forward to in the event of reconstruction. As regarded the underwriting of shares, he supposed the directors would not proceed to allotment unless sufficient shares were subscribed for to ensure reconstruction being successful.

The Chairman, in reply, said that no policy had been formed at the present time for future operations. It would be the duty of the board of the new company to formulate and explain their policy to the shareholders. However, he might say that the reconstructed company would have in view important economies in connection with the management and working of the concern, and with the advantage of the very necessary capital which they were raising by the reconstruction arrangement, he believed that the company's business could be prosecuted with every satisfaction and with very fair prospects. He would not go so far as to say that they would have immediate dividends, but they were assured on all hands that they possessed a most valuable property. The great drawback of the present company was that it had not sufficient capital to push forward the development work. The directors considered that the amount of working capital which would now be available would be ample, and he hoped that in the course of a few months they would be able to show something for the enterprise of the shareholders. At any rate, the directors would do all they could to make the company a success, and they were informed that the Hall Mines was one of the finest properties in British Columbia. The directors would not proceed to allotment unless sufficient shares were applied for to warrant them taking that step.

Mr. P. Schweder said that as the value of the scheme largely depended upon the way in which it was carried out, he wished to know if the chairman could give him any information as to the constitution of the new board.

The chairman replied that he did not think he could entirely satisfy the last speaker. Of course, they were quite aware that the future direction of the company depended very largely upon the gentlemen who constituted the board of directors, and the shareholders might rest assured that very great care would be taken in the selection. Mr. Robert Harvey, who had been long connected with the Hall Mines, had consented to join the board, and also Mr. Boulnois, a gentleman of great experience. He (the chairman) had been invited to join the directorate, but up to the present time he had given no definite reply. He was not particularly keen in complying with that invitation, but he was assured by his colleagues that he would be of great assistance to them on account of his long connection with British Columbia and his previous connection with the company, and he would give his reply in the course of the next few days. The board of the new company would be limited to five members so that they would always have a good working majority in the city.

The resolutions were carried unanimously.

The chairman announced that the confirmatory meeting would be held on the 30th April, and that the transfer books would be closed at 3 o'clock on Friday, the 27th April.

A cordial vote of thanks to the chairman and directors, on the motion of Mr. J. R. Brown, seconded by Mr. Jowett, terminated the proceedings.

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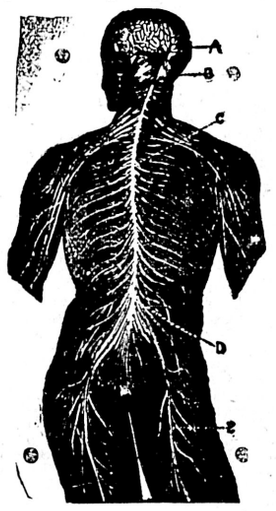

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Louis Roederer	2,163
Perrier-Jouet	2,020
Vve. Clicquot	615
Delbeck & Co	550
A. DeMontebello & Co	534
Bouche, Fils & Co	405
Pol Roger & Cie	403
Gold Lack	330
Grand Sec	326
Ernest Irroy & Co	321
Various other brands	3,256
Total	59,319

Compiled from Custom House Records.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, May 4—8 p.m.

SYNOPSIS.

A vast low barometer area covers the mountains from Cariboo southward to Utah while off the American coast the barometer is comparatively high. These conditions have caused temperatures above extending from Kamloops eastward to Manitoba and showers over the Pacific Slope. Spokane and Rosenburg report thunderstorms.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	50	59
New Westminster	52	68
Kamloops	52	72
Calgary	40	76
Winnipeg	24	54
Portland, Ore	54	66
San Francisco, Cal	54	64

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time), Saturday:

Victoria and vicinity: Moderate or fresh winds, mostly westerly; fair with a few local showers. Not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, partly fair with occasional showers.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

FRIDAY.

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	51	Mean	54
Noon	58	Highest	59
5 p.m.	52	Lowest	49

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ..... 12 miles south.
Noon ..... 6 miles south.
5 p.m. ..... Calm.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—.12 inches.
Sunshine—2 hours.
Barometer at noon—Observed 29.772
Corrected 29.775

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p.m.—Corrected 29.70

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

C. Galbraith	Chas. Butler
H. Shaw	Robt. Porter
C. W. Hamilton	J. McWillip
S. M. Irwin	F. E. Murphy
Miss Bradley	W. Cartoge
W. M. Matthews	T. J. Fisher
C. J. Hamilton	Miss Blyth
J. Knight	Fred. Wright
H. Pratt	H. Carson
Miss Carson	F. C. Holliday
S. Glascom	F. L. Peters
A. L. Toplitz	Mrs. Peters
W. S. Burnes	Miss Blood

By steamer Queen from San Francisco:

Miss A. Waterman	Miss A. Devoy
H. Leber	Miss Woods
A. K. Gregson	G. Stanley
A. McCann	C. J. Emmanuel
Miss Grady	W. B. Bell
Mrs. A. H. Beckett and 2 children	Mrs. Bell and 2 children
T. Jones	B. McNutt
F. W. Sessions	J. Hunt
O. Lommell	J. F. Boughman
O. C. Rowell	L. Day
Mrs Howell and child	Miss M. Howie
Miss D. Dean	Miss T. Loesel

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A. H. Rahy	Albion I. W.
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C. Morley	Vic.-Phoe. B. Co.
D. H. Ross & Co	W. B. Skakespeare
Earsman, H. & Co	W. H. Pennock
H. & Co.	Wilson Bros
E. J. Saunders & Co	Wau Yuen & Co
E. G. Prior & Co	Welch & Co
F. Carne, jr.	W. & J. Wilson
F. R. Stewart & Co	Ying Chong Lung
G. E. Munro & Co	A. R. Johnson
G. N. Jackson	F. DeChristian
H. J. Brady & Co	J. Hemans & Co
H. A. Lilley	P. Gable & Co
Hinton Elec Co	R. C. P. Mills
H. B. Co.	Brown & McGregor
J. G. Hay	G. E. Bower
Lemon, G. & Co	Winch & Bower
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The Homing Sealers.

Vanguard of the Returning Procession Bring Late Reports From the Fleet.

Strange Carelessness Just Escapes Producing a Disaster on the Sound.

The Enterprise, one of the two sealing schooners returning to port last night, contributes another report of large quantities of lumber adrift off the Coast—presumably some deck cargo washed overboard in the recent gales; and also gives the news that the Ocean Belle is likely to be top-liner for the spring hunting, good luck having followed her to the Fairweather grounds, where she has been reaping her harvest during the past ten weeks. The Belle when last definitely reported on February 14 had 500 odd pelts, so that it is anticipated her complete catch will be well over the thousand mark. The Enterprise herself brings home 549 skins, while the Victoria, also just returned, secured 293. Both Capt. Bishop of the Enterprise and Capt. R. Balcom of the Victoria were fortunate in striking no really bad weather on the whole, although some lively gales in early March gave their vessels a shaking up. The seal herds were found quite as large and numerous as in former years, but their northward movement commenced sooner than anticipated; and a number of the schooners in consequence found themselves badly placed. It is because Capt. Lavender of the Ocean Belle best calculated the time of the northern migration and thus got in practically alone among the thickest herds that his vessel is looked upon as the probable claimant of top-line honors. All the schooners that have not fitted for Behring Sea are now on their way in, and may be looked for in daily twos and threes during the next fortnight. Of those reported by the Enterprise and the Victoria, the E. B. Marvin on April 29 had practically closed her catch with 607, while the Annie E. Paint three days previous had 709. The Umbrina's latest report was 690; that of the Arietis 703; the Dora Siewerd's 740; the Zillah May's 532; and the Viva's 600 odd. Fuller reports are looked for by the coasting steamer Willapa, due to-day.

AN ACCIDENT AVERTED.

Neglect of Precautions in a Fog All But Causes a Catastrophe.

It is highly probable that the owners of the steamer Angeles, as well as the American marine department officials, will have something very sharp to say to the master of the little vessel referred to, on account of the negligence he is said to have been guilty of in the dense fog yesterday morning, and which came within an ace of producing a collision with the steamer Victorian. The latter vessel was coming up Sound at the time, and on nearing Townsend was obliged to figuratively feel her way through banks of grey mist. As she was doing so she came suddenly upon the Angeles, which was neither keeping her whistle busy nor giving any other indication of her proximity. She was less than 200 feet away when reported by the Victorian's lookout, but so promptly were the proper orders given and executed that the crash was avoided. In reversing her engines and swinging inshore—the only feasible manoeuvre—however, the Victorian was unlucky enough to ground on the sandbar, where she hung high and dry until the coming of full tide six hours later. She then floated off without injury.

GOSSIP OF THE WHARVES.

Miowera Sails For Southern Seas—The Umatilla Delayed.

Steamer Umatilla sailed for San Francisco early this morning, although scheduled to get away at 8 o'clock or thereabouts last evening. The delay was occasioned by heavy freights to be received at Seattle.

Steamer Queen on her just-completed voyage up from San Francisco brought the large total of 314 passengers, 91 of whom were for this city. Her cargo list was also an extensive one.

Steamship Miowera, of the Canadian-Australian line, called on her way outward yesterday evening, to load consignments of baled hay and canned salmon, and take on board a number of passengers.

Steamer Tees left last night for Naas and Skeena river ports, fully laden with supplies for the canneries, and including among her passengers the Bishop of Caledonia, just returned from an extensive tour through the old as well as the new world.

D. G. S. Quadra returned to port yesterday from Cape Beale and Carmanah, having taken to the latter point the material for the new tramway up the cliff.

Steamer Cottage City is looked for hourly from Alaskan ports.

Letters to The Editor.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

Sir:—Ther is considerable dissatisfaction among the citizens that it is the intention of having the fire-works at Work Point, near the marine hospital. Those who know believe that as there is always a breeze blowing up the harbor it will destroy the illumination if placed at this point. Beacon Hill seems to be the favorite place and the rise on the east side of the hill seems well situated for everyone to see and well protected from the wind. It is hoped the committee will reconsider their decision and have the illuminations at Beacon Hill.

FIREWORKS.

THE CELEBRATION.

Sir: I would like to make a couple of suggestions for our holiday celebration, which I think if carried out would add to the entertainment and amusement of everybody. First, as wheeldom is so well represented in our city by both ladies and gentlemen, a grand bicycle parade and three or more prizes given for the best decorated wheels in line, I think would be of interest to a great many; also an illuminated parade at night. Second, a calithumpian parade, say on the morning of the 24th. I have never seen one, but have heard they are very amusing, and it would tend to put everyone in good humor for the remainder of the celebration. No doubt a great many of your readers will understand the nature of this comic parade.

A. E. F.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

Sir: The communication in Wednesday's Colonist, with reference to spontaneous combustion, was well written and timely. Carelessness and ignorance are the principal causes of many fires, and, with your permission, this question will receive a little attention:

Carelessness in the disposal of rubbish and waste is very common. Passageways, stairs, and the "always seen" places, are kept clean, while accumulated waste and rubbish is found in corners and in every out-of-the-way place. There are many unknown combinations of materials which produce spontaneous combustion. The actual conditions necessary to produce combustion cannot be absolutely stated, and always overcome, hence it is that where even the remotest suspicion exists special care should be taken to avert possible danger. Oily cotton waste, when not absolutely saturated with oil, is subject to spontaneous combustion. Fires occur in the following way, viz.: Cotton, woolen articles, hemp, jute, tow, flax and rags, when impregnated with oil and left in accumulated piles; by oily metal filings and cuttings, especially when a small quantity of water is added; by strong nitric or sulphuric acid on wool or straw; by accumulations of board scrapings in currying shops; fleshings in tanneries; empty nitrate of soda bags; press cloths in soap, rendering, oil, butterine; oiled silk; oily leather scraps; oily waterproof clothing; oily overalls and clothing; piles of fish scrap; green bone; unslaked lime; lamp black in packages or any other form; hay; cotton; woody fibre; tow; flax; hemp; jute; rags; leaves; spent tan; cocoanut fibre; straw and some kinds of coal when sufficiently moistened with water. The last fire in this city will prove that cleaning rags are dangerous. The help at No. 92 Simcoe street left a number of cloths saturated with boiled oil and turpentine on the floor. The fire started throughout the early hours of the following day and the barking of a dog, confined in the room, awakened the occupants of the residence. They thoroughly explained the cause of the fire and the pieces of charred rags proved that another case of the carelessness of a servant almost cost them their lives. It would be advisable for the owners of property to understand the dangers lurking in the cellars and out-of-the-way places. A thorough inspection should be frequently made and all oily rags, waste and other accumulations removed. People should not wait until a preventable fire occurs to remind them that the safety of the community depends on the watchfulness of the individual.

THOMAS DEASY.

Grand ladies' and children's matinee at Victoria Theatre this afternoon at 2:15; doors open at 1:30. The Boston Lyric Opera Co. in "Martha." Admission—Adults, 50c.; children 25c. Tickets on sale at Victoria Book & Stationery store up to 1 o'clock, after that at theatre box office. *

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MR. BODWELL'S POSITION.

A Prominent Liberal's Reasons for Opposing Premier Martin.

Following is the full text of the letter from Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., read by the chairman, Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, at Thursday evening's political meeting in the A. O. U. W. hall:

W. H. Cullin Esq., Secretary of the Campaign Committee of the Opposition Party:

Dear Sir,—I have your letter of this date inviting me to be present and address the meeting of the electors to be held in the A. O. U. W. hall to-morrow evening.

I wish you to express to the committee my thanks for the compliment they have paid me by this invitation. I should gladly be present, except that a business engagement takes me away from Victoria for a few days.

I desire to say that I am heartily in favor of the election of the candidates who now represent the opposition in the city. In my opinion the public interest demands that all who desire the advancement of the province should, irrespective of party associations or personal predilections, unite in opposing the present government.

Mr. Martin's political and public acts in the past have very seriously affected the progress and reputation of the province. He has been called to office at the present juncture by a misuse of the power which, under our constitution, is placed in the hands of the Lieutenant-Governor. I have no faith in Mr. Martin as a political leader. I am opposed to the principal planks in the platform which he has presented to the people, and I believe that the continuance of him and his government in power will be a constant menace to the public and material welfare of British Columbia.

Yours very truly,
E. V. BODWELL.

Victoria, May 2, 1900.

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE.

Meeting of the New Managers of the Home Held Yesterday.

A well attended meeting of the new managers of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon at the city hall, Mayor Hayward in the chair. After routine business the following officers were chosen: Chas. Hayward, president; Wm. Scowcroft, honorary secretary; A. C. Flumerfelt, honorary treasurer, and the following ladies were elected a special committee to manage the internal affairs of the home for the ensuing year, viz., Mrs. C. Hayward, Mrs. W. R. Higgins, Mrs. W. West Wilson, Miss Edith Carr, Mrs. E. G. Prior, Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Mrs. A. S. Going, Mrs. (Capt.) Foot, Mrs. J. Hutcheson, Mrs. G. L. Milne, Mrs. Wm. Munsie, Mrs. Wm. Denny, Mrs. S. A. Clark, Mrs. J. W. Fleming, Mrs. G. Carter, Mrs. G. Barrett, Mrs. G. A. Sargison, Mrs. F. W. McCulloch, Mrs. Wm. Berridge, Mrs. S. M. Okell, Mrs. P. C. McGregor, Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Oates.

A finance and house committee were also appointed.

Various matters in connection with the discipline and maintenance of the institution were disposed of.

Some modifications of the existing regulations respecting the attendance of the children at divine service on Sunday mornings were suggested; but after some discussion it was agreed to consider the subject fully at the next quarterly meeting.

After the benediction the meeting adjourned.

Don't drink the first thing the bartender offers. Call for Jesse Moore "AA" whiskey and insist on getting it.

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To Carpenters and Builders

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Architect.

Nanaimo, B.C.

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Will be received up to 3 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, the 7th day of May for 3½ miles of Flexible Cable and 100 Cutter Chicago Arc Insulation Suspension Hooks.

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WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

City Hall, Victoria,
April 27th, 1900.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of The Pacific Bottling Works has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, J. C. Collins having assigned all his interest therein to Alvin J. Engvik, who will assume all the liabilities and is authorized to receive all moneys owing to the late firm.

Dated at Victoria, this 1st day of May, 1900.

JOHN C. COLLINS.
ALVIN J. ENGVIK.

Witness:
Geo. Jay.

TO THE ELECTORS

..OF..

Victoria City Electoral District.

Gentlemen: We beg respectfully to inform you that we are candidates for election in the forthcoming contest for the Local Legislature, and solicit your support.

We are opposed to the present Provincial Administration, and shall take an early opportunity of expressing our views on the issues of the day.

Your obedient servants,

J. H. TURNER,
H. DALLAS HELMCKEN
A. E McPHILLIPS
RICHARD HALL.

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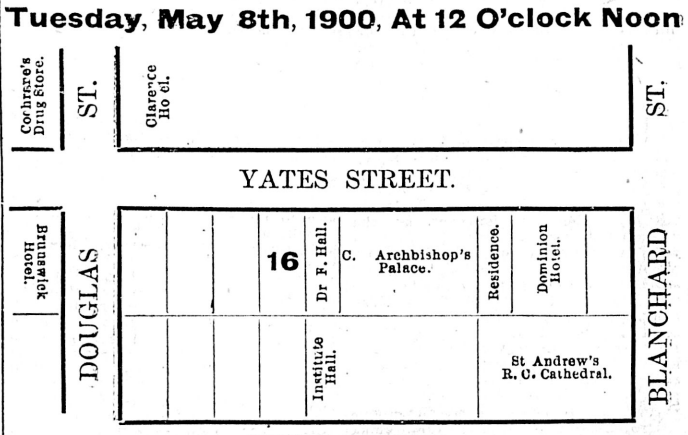

At my salesroom, Board of Trade Building, under powers contained in a certain mortgage, dated 1st March, 1898, and registered in the Victoria Land Registry Office, in Charge Book, Volume 15, Folio 47, No. 2858D., the following hereditaments situate in the City of Victoria and known and numbered on the Official plan as

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